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Police chief's role in card room questioned

By Dan Goodin

ALBANY — Supporters and opponents of Albany's Measure F, which would create a card room at Golden Gate Fields, differ sharply on the propriety of the city's police chief being responsible for investigating employees working at the gambling facility.

Documents on file in Alameda Superior Court show that in 1988 Larry Murdo, Albany's chief of police, won more than \$40,000 in racetrack betting. They also show that he lost more than \$37,000 during the same year.

That, along with Murdo's admission that he visits Golden Gate Fields race track regularly, has prompted concerns that the police chief would have a conflict of interest in investigating employees of the card room and in carrying out other responsibilities there.

"My concern is that (Murdo) has been a regular at the track," said Albany attorney Robert Outis who opposes Measure F. "He's a very political person. I don't think we can count on our police chief to act in a careful and non-arbitrary man-

ner."

Under the gaming ordinance for the proposed 119,000 square foot card room, Murdo would run background checks on anyone applying for a job at the facility. He would be responsible for issuing, denying or revoking work permits. He would also have the power to eject patrons of the card room.

According to both Outis and Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben, once Murdo banned nonsupervisory employees and customers from the facility they would have no appeal process, outside of filing a lawsuit.

Murdo said newspaper reports last week that he won more than \$40,000 from Golden Gate Fields were incorrect.

"The considerable winnings I allegedly made didn't even occur at (Golden Gate Fields) race track," Murdo said. "No body seems to worry about that." Instead, Murdo said, he won the money at Bay Meadows race track in San Mateo.

Murdo said the controversy about the winnings, and the frequency of his attending races at Golden Gate

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Library expansion proposal criticized

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — More than two dozen residents and librarians packed the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library Board meeting last Wednesday night to protest a proposal to extend hours at the library and limit services available.

The controversial circulation plan would add four hours of operation to the library's current 8-hour weekly schedule, but opponents object to the plan because librarians and reference services would not be available in the extra hours.

Plan opponents at last week's meeting say the trade-off is part of a disturbing trend toward downsizing services at an institution that prides itself on a reputation for extensive public assistance.

"My opinion is that this is not the service I voted for when it shows up on my taxes. I want a complete staff. It's painful to watch people wander (in the library) and for me to try to help them when they don't have the experience to do so," Albany resident and librarian

Wendy Hyman said, referring to the Measure N parcel tax passed in 1992 to restore library hours.

Under the proposal, the remaining \$26,000 from \$260,000 in Measure N funds would be used to keep the library open an additional four hours a week for patrons to only check-out and/or browse books and other materials.

Library Board members, who unanimously endorsed the proposal in August, scheduled the special meeting, originally cancelled due to the illness of Board Chair Carol Truman, after librarians and others complained that action was taken to endorse the plan before hearing public comment.

After months of informal debate, plan opponents spent nearly two hours blasting the proposal.

"I don't think it will ultimately prove workable, and by definition you could consider it an inappropriate allocation of resources. Traffic patterns won't adhere to it, people won't be able to get what they want...and it seems to me there is no

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Reasonable gamble

By Laura Stein

EL CERRITO — Dice were rolling and cards thrown on the table for the first annual Casino Night fundraiser at the El Cerrito Community Center last week.

The benefit was held to raise money to resurface the city's 17 public tennis courts.

Alvin Hom, a tennis pro who is contracted by the city of El

Cerrito to teach tennis, helped organize the Tennis Improvement Association in order to help raise much needed funds to cover the estimated cost of \$130,000 to resurface city courts.

The city has contributed \$7,000 "to help get the ball rolling" before the fundraiser.

As the third fundraiser this year, Casino Night, open to the public,

raised \$15,000.

For the cost of a \$30 ticket, gamblers were given ten chips, a variety of hors d'oeuvres, a drink coupon, buffet dinner and a raffle ticket.

Throughout the evening prizes were awarded and a silent auction held with items including sushi classes, weekend get-away trips, smoked salmon and family teeth cleaning services.

Home Depot lauds RDA

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A central question El Cerrito voters must answer in deciding whether to approve or disapprove an Amended Redevelopment Plan for the city has to do with the Agency's success in "jump starting" development in blighted areas.

Proponents of continued Redevelopment efforts believe that by providing assistance in some projects, the completely independent private market will become interested in investing in development in El Cerrito.

Opponents maintain that private

'The fact that the agency is active... was a significant factor in our location decision'

—JIM LYON, HOME DEPOT REAL ESTATE MANAGER

business does not need either assistance from Redevelopment financing or the encouragement of securing upgraded areas.

Home Depot, a private development financed without Agency assistance, has been cited by both sides in support of their own positions, the one maintaining that the company was encouraged by the new look of the surrounding area — "jumpstarted" by Redevelopment assistance, the other that Home Depot came independently to the community.

At a recent meeting, a representative of the El Cerrito Citizens Alliance referred to a letter confirming the lack of any Redevelopment influence in Home Depot's location decision.

That letter was dated March 23, 1994; it was addressed to George Amberg, until recently a member of the Redevelopment Advisory Committee. Amberg believes Redevelopment is too costly to continue in

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Albany school chosen for recycling program



By Laura Stein

ALBANY — Recycling America of Northern California has chosen Marin Elementary School as a pilot school to put its recycling program in action. The system has been a success in other school districts, including Hayward and Castro Valley.

To help promote the program, robot rapper "Cycler" performed in a school assembly at the school last week. Cycler is a remote controlled robot made of recycled plastic soda bottles and newspaper comics. The pint-sized promoter had students up and clapping to the beat of reducing waste and recycling many lunch materials in effort that not only benefits the environment, but will save the district on monthly garbage collection bills.

Under the program, milk cartons and Styrofoam trays will now be recycled rather than thrown away. Program organizers expect that the practice will reduce the school's lunchroom trash by 65 percent initially and possibly more later.

Robert Kaleta, a program supervisor, said he is confident of the new recycling system. "Recycling programs are coming around. Our next step is to get people to buy recycled materials," he said.

Marin School Principal Marian Rothschild said the students have been learning a great deal about reducing waste, reusing and recycling materials. The students' dedication to learning about recycling is evident in their art work. Collages displayed at the assembly proclaimed "Save the earth," "Nature is everywhere," and "Water is nature."

Cardroom campaigns make financial history

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — The last pre-election financial disclosures were filed at city hall last week, adding fuel to what may be the hottest and is for sure the most expensive political campaign in city history.

Next Tuesday Albany voters will decide if the School Board may use already-approved bond money to purchase the Hill Lumber property for a new middle school, whether to change municipal election dates and amend the city charter.

But Measure F, the proposal on the ballot to permit cardroom gaming at Golden Gate Fields, has generated all the campaign heat.

Two Measure F committees initially reported campaign contributions and expenditures last month, as required by the state Fair Campaign Practices Commission.

In the updated filing, the "No on Casinos — Committee to Oppose Measure F" reported contributions of \$6,230 and expenditures of \$4,177 since Jan. 1. The "Citizens for Measure F — Sponsored by

Ladbroke Racing Corp." reported no new contributions in the latest filing period, having received \$100,804.24 since the first of the year, and expenditures to date of \$89,574.93.

The third and latest entry in the cardroom sweepstakes, the "Friends of the Albany Waterfront Opposed to Measure F — Sponsored by the Oaks Club Room" reported receiving \$7,500 and spending \$4,820.23 since Oct. 1.

Campaign committees receiving over 80 percent of their financial

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The gentle art of political mud slinging

YOU SAY YOU'RE TURNED off? You say you've had it up to here with corrupt wimps and their nasty political campaigns? You say if you never see Bob Dole again it will be too soon? Or the aptly named Newt? You say the world would be a better place if we had five-minute term limits?

I was sitting on my red couch this week, petting my pink cat, gazing idly through my new green eye out the window at the clear blue sky when I had one of those epiphanies you hear about:

The very point and purpose of the mud slinging is to turn voters off.

IF PEOPLE HAD A CLUE about what's really going on, 90 or even 75 percent of them might turn out to vote on election day. If voters were informed instead of disgusted, Bob and Newt and Huffy and Ollie (the felon with the chutzpah of his convictions) would be just guys whistling Dixie somewhere in the backwater.

The purpose of spreading political manure is to sicken the majority, or pay them if you have to, into staying home on election day, leaving the field clear for a minority of nuts who will vote their single issue. The more voters know, the more who vote, the fewer Huffies are elected. It's a will-of-the-people thing.

And, of course, term limits have been around since 1789. They're also called "elections."

THIS IS ONLY THE THURSDAY before election day in our town, so I suppose the Big Mud will be slung over next weekend, as has become the custom nowadays. So far the cardroom flap has generated more fantasy than down-in-the-slough mud, but come Sunday no doubt the flying propaganda will get seriously down and dirty. If recent experience tells us anything, last ditch rumors will be launched too late to be refuted, fingers pointed, names named, hidden agendas revealed.

TAKE ALL THE TALK about Albany "maintaining its small town ambience." Our Mission. For five years I've been gadding around town with a little lantern trying to find out what that means, but to no avail. Suppose it means a town where residents, citizens and voters pay attention, participate and run their city. If that's true, the old ambience seems to have shriveled up like a raisin in the sun.

The city council, with permission from 30 percent of the voters representing about 13 percent of the citizenry, has virtually stopped



By Phyllis Lyon

meeting in public. On the rare occasions they do meet, they have nothing to talk about. City hall has practically shut down, its minions retired to the dark reaches to count their chickens.

MEANWHILE CAMPAIGN BOMBS fizzle and sputter in air over our heads. Daily blatts, who don't usually give us the time of day, now smear us on their front pages, National Enquirer-style. Campaign committees proliferate like gerbils. Doomed if we do, doomed if we don't, they say.

"Friends" (sponsored by the Oaks Club Room), "Citizens" (sponsored by Ladbroke Racing), other "Friends" (of our mayor and of our assemblyman), more "Citizens", "Committees," "Taxpayers" (identities unknown) — are all out there scrambling for our hearts, minds, waterfront, and vote. Makes my eyes water.

AN INTERESTING QUESTION is whether the Sierra Club's power roll in our town can continue past Nov. 8.

My personal favorite peek behind that Club's political curtain was the news of my pal Bill Cain's magic transformation from developer-lover to One of Us.

A piece of late-breaking Club propaganda, one of fifteen I heard was handed out and sent to Albany voters during the April election, said Bill had "been on the wrong foot with the Sierra Club since 1990's Measure C" and that he had a "mediocre environmental track record."

But, lo, though he says he's still the same person he was then, we now read that as an opponent of Measure F, Bill is a heavyweight environmentalist who rates chummy calls from the Sierra Club's Solid Waste Subcommittee Chapter Chair.

DIRE PREDICTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, F is not Forever and Albany will not go down the fiscal tubes without a cardroom. The truth-challenged, mud-splattered campaign has turned our vote into a crashout and our small town ambience into spinach.



2. Will Mr. Brodsky buy another candidate in the next election, thereby guaranteeing himself a majority on the Albany City Council?

3. Is this ethical? Is it sensible to have Mr. Brodsky appoint himself to the committee looking into the Rules of Conduct Policy for the Albany City Council?

4. Can These people be Trusted?

Keep your eyes and ears open fellow Albanians — there are wolves in sheep's clothing running around town!

Nancy Nelson

Best option

Editor:

As a resident of Albany since 1926, I have watched the community grow and make progress. I have always felt that Albany was a safe place to live and that is why my wife (of over 60 years) and myself raised our family here. Now in my 80's I'm concerned not only for the safety of this wonderful town, but also to see Albany prosper without raising taxes dramatically or cutting services. We couldn't have a better opportunity than Measure F to continue the progress that is necessary in order for this community to grow. Financially the card room would benefit the city and it is a proven fact that police chiefs' reports in other areas, that card clubs have little, if any adverse impact on the crime in their communities.

A neighboring El Cerrito Councilman, Norman La Force and active Sierra Club member, suggests that we consider an alternative choice by adding a parcel tax of \$83 per parcel. Mr. La Force does not live in our community, so how can he say which is best for our community. I don't know how you feel about an additional tax, but for myself, I am taxed to death.

Just recently the East Bay Regional Park has acquired 374 acres of Albany Waterfront land, which also includes wild life habitat areas. If Measure F passes there will be a magnificent 70-acre park on the Albany shore; a guaranteed minimum of \$1.2 million per year in new revenue to the city of Albany; and over 700 local jobs for local residents. I urge you to vote Yes on Measure F.

Del E. Wisener
Retired Manager,
El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce
Albany resident

Library support

Editor:

Please urge your Contra Costa County readers to vote Yes on Measure B. Our libraries are a vital resource for building a community and in raising our children to be adults who can read, who love to read, and who can therefore understand others and make the kind of informed decisions necessary in a truly democratic society. Their success and our success depends on the availability of our public libraries, and the valuable programs they sponsor, to all our citizens. I think back on all the pleasurable hours I have spent browsing through the treasures to be found in my local libraries and see the limited resources and hours the libraries are now able to maintain. A YES vote on Measure B will help to restore, with very little individual sacrifice, this most valuable asset.

Kathleen Hildebrand

Many thanks

Editor:

The residents of Albany owe a large thanks to the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany & Emeryville. The League agreed to moderate a debate on Measure F Oct. 25 even though they were requested to do so after they'd already committed themselves to a number of debates in Berkeley. The League obviously had to scramble to find a moderator, time keeper and question sorters at such a late date but did so in a timely fashion.

I sincerely hope the debate is handled in as professional a manner by those debating for and against Measure F. Albany voters deserve to hear as many facts as possible during this debate — we are certainly intelligent and responsible enough to make our decisions based on the truth.

Karen Carlson-Olson

Distrusts agency

Editor:

Since the Redevelopment Agency sold the Target site for \$3.5 million less than was paid for it, and have accrued a deficit of about \$5 million, they may never get it paid for, although our council praises it as an accomplishment and gives us a "snow" job on its price. They and their staff have proven to be poor business managers. They should not be trusted to borrow again and accrue more debt.

The El Cerrito Democrats endorsement of Proposition F states that "the 14 citizen members of the Redevelopment Advisory Committee recommend approval." I understand that is not true. The statement that "All City Council members approve" carries no weight, since the council and the Redevelopment Agency are one and the same, a disgraceful situation that should have long ago been remedied.

The council always assumes citizens want what the council wants. Many of us in various parts of town do not want more mixed-use developments or to have more streets taken from us without our permission as is true of the two blocks of Kearny we lost to Target and the pink apartments in the North. We are waiting for the Council to show the good judgment not shown in the past by cutting Conlon through from San Pablo Avenue to join Key and Conlon so hill people have a direct route to San Pablo and the rest of us who used Kearny for 47 years to get to Wall and the North end of town can do so again without using San Pablo.

We do not want boutiques on Fairmount Avenue, or more residents of many years selling out because the town has been spoiled by Redevelopment and poor rulings of the council. Nor

do we want any more of our citizens' property confiscated through "eminent domain," which tosses them out of their home or business unwillingly, which is immoral to many of us. We still mourn all our favorites that were taken that way. Nothing has been given us to equal or replace them.

Vote "No" on Proposition F on Nov. 8, if you desire something to say about preventing further ruination of the town.

Nancy Nelson

Library support urged

Editor:

I am urging voters to support Measure B on the ballot Nov. 8 to provide funds to restore Contra Costa County to 40 hours of service weekly, with all branches open daily. The \$15 parcel tax equals 4 cents per day for income tax, supplies, programs, and access, to better provide all that can be offered.

All monies raised will go directly to libraries, with none of the funds under local jurisdiction. These funds cannot be taken away by the county or the state in the future.

A two-thirds Yes vote is required to pass this bill. Vote on Measure B.

Grace Williams

Police Chief supports F

The Journal received the following letter to the editor from Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo.

As your Police Chief, my job is to protect Albany and to make sure Albany remains a safe place to live and work. In the November election of this year, Albany voters will be asked to decide if a card club may be operated at Golden Gate Fields.

Opponents of the club have raised the issue of increased crime if we approve Measure F. I'm writing to tell you no evidence to support this claim, and in my opinion, this simply not true. A card club at Golden Gate Fields will increase crime in Albany. I base this statement on several years of experience.

First, a study conducted at California State University Fullerton in 1993 concluded that card clubs do not increase crime in their surrounding communities.

Second, our police department contacted other police departments around the state in communities that have card operations within their jurisdictions. Other police chiefs said card clubs have little, if any, adverse impact on crime in their communities.

Third, Golden Gate Fields has been in operation for many decades in Albany. They possess their own police and do a terrific job providing security for their operation. Our average Albany police have been called to the track four times a year, usually for non-serious problems.

Fourth, the site at Golden Gate Fields chosen for the card club is remote and isolated from the residential area. Patrons of the card club will enter and exit via Interstate 80 and the Gilman side of the establishment and non-commute hours. Card club traffic would not affect neighborhood streets.

Fifth, any and all security operations, plans and procedures must be approved completely by the Albany Chief of Police. In addition, all employees must pass a strict background check and approval process.

Finally, if there are any problems with the card club, the authority to repeal the license. In the first year of operation there are a minimum of four review procedures.

I hope I have answered some of your questions. If you have additional concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Larry Murdo

Chief of Police

Personal debate

Editor:

The importance of a comprehensive public health system to all of us who live in Contra Costa County has been lost in the increasingly personal debate over the county replacement project. Moderate positions that go beyond the extremes are needed to ensure we get what is best for our community.

As our focus is primarily public health, PEHA has taken a position in the hospital debates of the last several years. After extensive discussion, however, we are moved to a position on the hospital's replacement as it relates to public health in our county. This is due in part because our "Status of Health in Contra Costa County," has been misrepresented in legal documents relating to replacing county hospital.

We represent all regions of the county and diverse interest groups, and our personal opinions regarding the replacement project reflect this. We do agree, however, on one point.

1. The county needs a comprehensive public health system. This includes community-based prevention, education, and access to neighborhood health centers and hospital-based services.

2. Contracts with hospitals in East and West County replacement county hospital are critical parts of that comprehensive system. Only the county has the legal authority to provide both public health services for all county residents and medical care to the poor and indigent. The existing county hospital will continue to guarantee adequate health services for low-income residents. The existing county hospital because of its substandard condition, represents the worst order and must be replaced.

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Letters to the Editor

Fire chief supports Measure F

Editor:

The Nov. 8 election and the outcome of Measure F will decide an important issue concerning the fate of the city of Albany. If Measure F passes, Albany's serious fiscal woes will be over. If Measure F fails, the alternative solutions are frightening. Unfortunately, the opponents to Measure F do not even have any concrete solutions to Albany's financial crisis. Will these opponents of Measure F be responsible for the arduous task of getting a sizable parcel tax passed in order to offset the city's deficit? That's a big gamble. I believe there is a better way to secure Albany's future.

In 1981, the revenues from Golden Gate Fields were roughly 20 percent of Albany's total revenue or \$800,000 per year. This was Albany's main source of income. Today, GGF's contribution to the city is below \$600,000 per year of 8 percent of Albany's total revenue. Albany's fiscal woes began in the late 1980's and resulted in several cutbacks. Due to these cutbacks, the Assistant Chief Fire Marshal position has not been filled, and three firefighter/paramedic positions were left vacant in 1992. Finances are so tight that all Department heads were asked to comb an additional 5 percent out of their existing slim budget so the city could make ends meet. During this time the firefighters had to sleep with their mattresses on the floor for three years because there was no money in the budget to purchase new beds. Is this a healthy environment?

What does the future hold for Albany? This past year, the city experienced a \$600,000 shortfall. Next year will be the same or worse, depending on the State's economy. The city is currently surviving off of their \$1.2 million reserves. By the end of fiscal year 1995/1996, which is less than 20 months away, the city of Albany will be bankrupt. You can't cut the fat out when you are already surviving on bare bones.

Measure F can guarantee \$1.2 million a year to the city. If Measure F doesn't pass, two things will happen. First, a parcel tax of \$150-200 per year, in addition to inflationary adjustments, will go before the voters. If this doesn't pass, (which may be difficult considering the required two thirds vote) the more precarious option will be to dissolve city services. Fire services could be contracted out to Berkeley, and Police services may cost with the county sheriff's department. The other city functions will be dissolved or will be contracted out which takes

the power and rights away from Albany citizens and our local government.

If Albany can't afford to be a city, then let the county take over and it will become an unincorporated area of Alameda County. Otherwise, listen to your elected councilmembers who endorse Measure F and the Albany Fiscal Task Force who came together to examine Albany's fiscal woes, studied every possible angle, and say YES on F. Measure F is not a last minute decision, it has been carefully and meticulously thought out by professionals. You as Albany voters are not backed into a corner. If Measure F does not pass, the alternatives will be the ones I mentioned above. If you can live with those alternatives, I respect your decision. Otherwise, to ensure a high level of emergency service and other quality city services, vote YES on Measure F on Nov. 8.

Marc McGinn

Ethics questioned

Editor:

I am writing to Albany citizens regarding some irregularities in the April Albany City Council Election campaign finances. The financial records of each candidate are public information and are on file in the City Clerk's office in City Hall.

Donations	Bill Cain	Elizabeth Baker	Bruce Mast
from self	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 900
over \$100	700	700	1850
under \$100	1104	2174	3257
Subtotal	1904	2874	6007
Loans	0	0	6000
Total	1904	2874	12,007
Balance	0*	464	547**

* Excess funds donated to the city. ** with a debt of \$6216

Clearly from this data, we can see one candidate wildly outspend his opponents and incurred large debts.

The really interesting thing to know is that then Councilmember Mike Brodsky loaned Mast \$3,000, at a zero interest rate and with no due date. Brodsky also paid a \$457 bill for which he was not to be reimbursed and he paid \$5,212 in bills for which he was to be reimbursed.

With this in mind, I have several questions:

1. If Mr. Mast votes against Mr. Brodsky (and I don't mean by abstaining), could the loan suddenly come due?

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Halloween event at EC Plaza launches new community image

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO—Whatever happens with the vote on Redevelopment next week, merchants at El Cerrito Plaza are determined to turn its image around. That's already been happening as a new Plaza manager, a new marketing consultant and new activities have brought new life to the shopping center.

Hundreds of trick-or-treaters and their parents attended a special Halloween carnival at the Plaza Monday afternoon.

The cities of El Cerrito and Albany at one time had the financing available to sponsor Halloween parties for the community and Plaza merchants have for several years offered candy to trick-or-treaters. This year, everybody worked together to provide community children with Halloween games and activities — there was plenty of candy, too.

"We broke tradition a little bit," said Plaza manager Dan McNeer. "We started the week prior. Everyone who spent \$10 in one of the stores got a certificate to pick up a free pumpkin at Chuck E. Cheese; we probably gave away over 1,000

pumpkins.

"At least 400 or 500 children participated in our 'Draw Jack's Face' Jack-o'-Lantern coloring contest...and hundreds of children and their families showed up on Halloween."

Eight children won prizes in four categories for the coloring contest. Winners in the three and four-year-old category were Sarah Hackett of San Pablo and Masami Chin of El Cerrito. Alexandria Jazz Dickinson and Rachel Beesen won in the five and six-year-old group. Both are residents of Albany.

Winners at the 7 and 8-year-old level were Avona Nasario of San Pablo and Brandon Moss of Albany. Destini Nowlin of Richmond and Sammy Howe of Oakland won in the 9 and 10-year-old category.

As far as McNeer is concerned, "the neat part about the Halloween event is the way the communities got together. The recreation departments of Albany and El Cerrito provided the organization and games; the Plaza merchants donated over \$4,000 to contract for those services.

"Everybody worked together."

El Cerrito recreation director

Monica Kortz noted later that the nominal fee of 20 cents per games supplemented the donated funds to fully cover the cost of the merchants' contract with recreation staff. She also said that city librarians, staff of the Contra Costa Civic Theater and members of the Buddy Club donated time as volunteers throughout the event.

"I think both cities really appreciated working with the merchants so that we could provide a fun, safe event for Halloween," she said. "Even seniors walking past gave us good feedback."

There was such a good response, McNeer definitely expects it will be an annual event.

With Halloween events just over, the Plaza launched into new fall promotions the next day. It's all part of a complete marketing program that the consultants hired by the Association, Louise Fletcher and Associates, is providing for Plaza merchants.

"Each store gets all the material needed for events — whether buttons, flyers or other items. Basically everyone participates," said McNeer, adding that participation includes Long's Drugs and the



Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky (kneeling) awarded prizes for best costumes, along with El Cerrito Mayor Jane Bartke (not pictured), at the El Cerrito Plaza Monday.

Emporium, each under separate ownership from that of the remainder of the Plaza.

Louise Fletcher and Associates, he said, is experienced and expert in working with centers that deal

with multiple ownership complexities. Because of that, he believes,

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Quake Corner

How youth should prepare for an earthquake

By James Rhodes-Dreyer and Ethan Jacobs

Heavy Boy Scouts Troop 14

Attention Albany youth! Amid reports from scientists that a big quake will strike in the Bay Area within 30 years, Albany's Boy Scout Troop 14 would like to remind you and your parents to be prepared for the big one. No matter where you are when it hits, you'll need some basic items on hand to survive the disaster.

Most of us, as students, carry school backpacks and this is a great

place to carry our own personal safety kit. This kit should include a small flashlight, extra batteries and bulb, pocket size thermal blanket, first aid kit, whistle, hard candy and a couple of foil water pouches.

All of these items, together, weigh under 1 1/2 pounds but could bridge the gap for you between home and school.

Sit down with your family and review the necessary items you need at home, too. Here are the basics:

- Portable radio, with extra batteries;
- Flashlight, also with extra bat-

teries and bulbs;

- Two fire extinguishers;
- Small tool kit, including a wrench to turn off the gas;
- Non-electric can opener;
- Food rations and bottled water;
- Cooking kit with portable stove and matches;
- Heavy shoes, gloves and warm clothing.

If possible, these items should be stored in an outdoor shed because going indoors after an earthquake could be dangerous.

Ask yourselves, "Are we prepared?"

KCRT to broadcast election results

KCRT, the East Bay's Information Station, will broadcast live coverage of local initiative and candidate returns beginning at 8:30 p.m. on election night.

Coverage will be in the form of continuous electronic bulletins over regularly scheduled programs on cable channel 25 in Richmond, Berkeley, El Cerrito, and portions of El Sobrante, channel 31 in Albany, San Pablo and Kensington, and

channel 49 in Marina Bay.

Coverage will include the following races:

- Contra Costa County - Supervisor (District 1)
- Alameda County - Measure E (Probation Officer)
- Berkeley Schools - Measure B
- City of Berkeley - Measure N (Drugs)
- City of Richmond - Charter Amendment (Mayoral appointment)

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El Cerrito - Measure F (Redevelopment)

City of Albany - Measures F (Card Room), A, G, H

City of San Pablo - City Council Election

Municipal Court - Berger vs. Thompson

East Bay Municipal Utilities District Board (Director - Ward 4)

Librarians to participate in Read Aloud Day

Children's librarians will read aloud to children in all city of El Cerrito childcare centers on Nov. 3 in celebration of Read Aloud Day, arranged by the El Cerrito Library.

The sites include Canyon Trail, Castro, Fairmont, Harding, and Madera School-Age Childcare Centers,

and the Teeter Tot program and Casa Cerrito Preschool.

Read Aloud Day is a Bay Area literacy campaign to highlight the importance of reading aloud to children and will be launched in conjunction with the annual San Francisco Bay Area Book Festival.

Schools, preschools, libraries, and bookstores throughout the Bay Area are invited to participate by taking 20 minutes to read aloud on Nov. 3.

For further information call Janet Hildebrand at the El Cerrito Library, 526-7512.

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Police Reports

Teen with gun robs Silver Screen Video

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Silver Screen Video was robbed Oct. 3. Two male juvenile suspects were told to leave the store during school hours. One returned later brandishing a handgun. The suspect told the employee and customers to lie on the floor, then took a number of video games. The games were later recovered, however; the suspect was detained and arrested.

• A man entered Beadazzled, displayed a handgun and made a threat, then said he was "just kidding," the incident occurred at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 20.

• Three suspects confronted a juvenile victim on the sidewalk in front of the Bank of America on the afternoon of Oct. 21, threatening to hit him and demanding his pager.

• A male juvenile suspect hit a male adult victim in the head as he was exiting the bus at Arlington and Moerser Oct. 25 at 1 p.m., then took his bus pass and fled.

• In another incident, two male juveniles approached an El Cerrito High School student from the rear and tried to take his bus pass. The suspects hit the victim, who fled. There was no loss reported. The incident occurred Oct. 17 at 8:40 a.m.

• A female suspect attempted to grab a woman's purse in front of the Budget Inn at 6:55 p.m. Oct. 24. The victim struggled, retaining her purse. The suspect and a male suspect fled on foot.

• An employee of Stand Up Comics has been accused of embezzlement.

• Several unlocked homes were entered and burglarized. A home in

the 2500 block of Edwards Avenue was entered during the early morning hours of Oct. 22. A totebag was taken from the living room.

In the 6400 block of Fairmount Avenue, someone took a shopping bag filled with miscellaneous items during the night of Oct. 21.

Three carrying bags and their contents were taken from a home in the 5300 block of Rosalind Avenue during the night of Oct. 9. The full extent of the loss was unknown.

• An open garage was entered in the 6400 block of Lagunitas during the night of Oct. 22; a bike and bicycling equipment was taken.

A storage room in a carport was pried open at about 9:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the 5900 block of Avila Street. The resident intercepted the attempt, however, and the thief fled.

An open garage was entered in the 2600 block of Tuller during the night of Oct. 13. The burglar entered an unlocked vehicle and took a cellular phone and credit cards.

• Mail was taken from a box in the 6700 block of Glen Mawr at 8 a.m. Oct. 10.

• Two motor vehicle thefts were reported. A 1988 Chevy Camaro was taken from Peerless and Hill during the daytime Oct. 20; it was later recovered.

A 1983 Toyota Celica was taken from the 1200 block of Liberty Street during the night of Oct. 22.

• A male suspect followed his victim into a fellowship hall on the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of Oct. 26, then took the victim's bike. The suspect was later arrested.

• A bike was reported stolen from the second floor balcony of an apartment building in the 11700 block of

San Pablo Avenue between Oct. 22 and 26. The thief evidently climbed to the balcony by unknown means.

• Two Richmond men are accused of taking two bikes from a yard in the 7300 block of Ganges Court at about 3:05 a.m. Oct. 23.

• An auto burglar broke the window of a vehicle parked in the 1800 block of Peerless during the daytime Oct. 25, then took a pullout stereo and its sleeve.

Camping gear was taken from the rear of a van at El Cerrito Plaza on the afternoon of Oct. 22.

Miscellaneous items were taken from a car in the 3000 block of Carlson during the night of Oct. 17.

Miscellaneous items were taken from a car in the lot at Carrows restaurant during the daytime Oct. 21; the thief broke the window for entry.

Power tools were taken from a van in the 300 block of Pomona Avenue between Oct. 21 and 23.

A car parked in the FoodsCo lot was burglarized on the morning of Oct. 23; miscellaneous property was taken.

• Two juvenile females were arrested at the Emporium on the afternoon of Oct. 18. They are accused of attempting to use a credit card reported stolen from an Oakland victim in a robbery.

• A Richmond woman was arrested at the Emporium for check forgery.

• Two male suspects were arrested at the Emporium for using the credit card of a deceased person.

• Shoplifters were arrested at Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza (a Richmond man) and at Target (an Oakland man and a Richmond man).

Vehicles bear the brunt of Halloween prank

By K. Osborn

Vandals were active slashing tires during the dark hours of the morning of Oct. 31: Unknown vandals slashed the right front tire of a 1991 Ford pickup truck belonging to a woman on the 800 block of Kains Avenue and the left rear tire of a pickup truck on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue. There were no witnesses.

A business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that vandals slashed two tires on their company vehicles. Again, there were no witnesses.

• Vandals threw a large rock into the rear window of a 1991 Honda Civic parked on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue on the night of Oct. 31. The rock went through the rear window and also smashed the front windshield. There were no witnesses.

• Albany officers detained an Oakland man for trespassing in a UC building at 8th and Harrison Streets just after midnight on Oct. 23. He was found to have a warrant from Emeryville in the amount of \$811. Since he was unable to post bail he was arrested, transported to the Albany station, booked and cited.

• On the night of Oct. 23 Albany officers responded to a 911 report from a woman who reported seeing a man wearing a mask at the rear of a friend's residence where she was visiting. Officers discovered that the woman's boyfriend had pulled a halloween prank on her by having another friend pretend to be a prowler. The boyfriend was advised that he was violating the law by knowingly causing a false police

response. He apologized for the prank.

• A young man entered a liquor store on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on the night of Oct. 24 and attempted to purchase two bottles of malt liquor using a false driver's license. The young man fled in a black older model Thunderbird or Lincoln. The owner of the liquor store was able to keep the driver's license and described the suspect as a white male juvenile, five feet nine inches tall, weighing 155 pounds, with brown hair, hazel eyes, with a light mustache and beard growth, wearing a black jacket and light blue pants.

• On the morning of Oct. 25 unknown thieves stole a blue mountain bike with red trim from the second floor balcony of an apartment on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue. The thieves were able to get the bike to the ground level without being seen or heard.

• On the evening of Oct. 25 a man on the 700 block of San Carlos Street reported that his neighbor was doing illegal burning in his backyard. Officers investigated and found that the resident was barbecuing dinner.

• A resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that his bicycle was stolen from the second floor landing of his apartment building on the evening of Oct. 25. The bike had been cut and pried out of a lock securing it to the railing.

• On the morning of Oct. 26 a resident of the 1000 block of Ordway Street reported that when he returned from vacation on that morning he discovered that two directional blinkers and his registration tags were stolen from his vehicle. There were no witnesses.

• On the morning of Oct. 26 Albany police received notice from Fresno Police that they had located a 1981 Chevy Caprice which had been stolen from an Albany resident. The vehicle had been damaged and no one was in custody.

• Unknown thieves were able to break into a 1982 copper/beige 280ZX Datsun on the morning of

Oct. 28 and flee with the car.

• On the morning of Oct. 28 Albany officers recovered a 1982 Chevy Camaro, two owned by a man from Morgan which had been reported stolen in Berkeley.

• On the morning of Oct. 28 Albany teen was arrested at Albany Middle School when he was contacted and admitted to taking a robbery. He verified with a complice was and was booked, processed, and released to his mother's custody. He was later identified by witnesses and subsequently arrested.

• A 12-year-old Albany girl was contacted on the north side of Albany High School on the morning of Oct. 28 with a carton of eggs. Officers requested she turn the eggs to them, she refused. She was apprehended and transported to the Albany station, was released to her grandmother who also took possession of the eggs.

• A 15-year-old Albany girl walking home from school on Oct. 28 when she saw two subjects recognized in a vehicle following her. The car stopped along the street, the passenger jumped out, started calling her names. He grabbed two necklaces from her neck and departed. Police investigating.

• Officers contacted three year-old Albany youths who were behind the theater and in possession of raw eggs and water balloons on the night of Oct. 29. The and balloons were confiscated, they were sent on their way.

• At about 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 29 officers observed a Walnut man driving east bound in the bound lanes of Buchanan Street was stopped and displayed signs of intoxication. He failed Field Sobriety Test and was arrested and processed without incident.

• A San Francisco man reported hearing a crash of glass at 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 29 and seeing juveniles running from the area.

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This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Red palms

My face looks bewildered and my hair has not been combed in days
for my comb is packed up with the rest of my things.
The palms of my hands are red
because they have toiled my bags all day.
My legs are like wheels that never stop turning.
My eyes are bloodshot because I haven't slept in days
and my clothes are dirty
for they have been on my back
to shield me the best they can in any weather.
The only positive thing inside me
is my willingness to keep on going
as my family and I try to find shelter
in our new, unfamiliar land.

— Johnathan Lyles, MacGregor High School

Soft and quiet sounds

When I lived in Thailand
there was a big beach around me
and at night time
I would always hear the waves
and they went "Wshhhh."
I let a cricket go in my room
and its feet hit the tank
and made a sound.
Just now I hear a soft rustling sound
of something.
When I shoot a bow and arrow
I hear it whisking through the air.
I heard people breathing
and the wind.
It sounded like trees blowing.
When I go to my friend's house
he has a fish tank
and I hear the fish swishing through the water.
If we're all really quiet now
we can hear the pencil writing.

— Benny, Chris, Clare, Edward, Loring and Susannah
from Pam Marquardt's 2nd grade class at MacGregor
Primary School.

Poetry headline design by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

In the spirit



Employees at Albany's City Hall got into the spirit of Halloween Monday, with many coming to work in costume, including Planning Director Claudia Cappio (right) and Building Inspector Darryl Murray.

Voter participation urged on key election issues

Election Day is Tuesday Nov. 8, and I urge each and every one of you to vote on that day. We live in a nation where over one-half of the citizens eligible to vote do not take the time to make their voice heard. The polls are open from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Please Vote!

One of the state-wide initiatives that is on the ballot is Prop. 188. This is sponsored by Philip Morris, and several other tobacco companies. Their ads claim that the passage will impose tough, uniform statewide restrictions, whereas the opposite is true. Prop. 188 would

repeal the present state-wide standards and prevent the enactment by the citizens of tougher rules or regulations. The Proposition actually promotes smoking and was put on the ballot to overturn the strong new state law that eliminates smoking in most workplaces. It does not

ensure clean air in enclosed smoking places because the ventilation standard required by this standard removes the smell of tobacco smoke from the air but not the cancer causing chemicals. Vote **NO ON PROPOSITION 188!**

From the Mayor's Desk

By Jane Bartke
El Cerrito



At the Oct. 17 meeting of the El Cerrito City Council, new guidelines were approved for additions to single family homes. The new construction rules will allow increased coverage of the lot, from 40 percent to 50 percent, in order to minimize the need to build taller structures.

Upper story walls must be built toward the center of the building to reduce the loss of light and view to

neighboring residents, and lower maximum heights will be allowed. Surrounding neighbors are to be notified of the planned construction before building begins.

There has been a very dedicated group of citizens involved for the past year studying and investigating the use of Redevelopment within the city. These participants have

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Letters

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3. Access to hospital services and primary care must be guaranteed for all county patients. As the replacement project goes forward, the Health Services Department should immediately supplement the services available at Merrithew with contracts for hospital care in East and West County. These contracts should continue through, and after, completion of the replacement project.

Community hospitals have a responsibility to collaborate in good faith with the county on implementing these contracts. Adequate transportation to Merrithew must also be available, particularly in East and West County. The recent quadrupling of the department's shuttle bus service from the Richmond and Pittsburg clinics to Merrithew is a step in that direction.

Accessibility, as well as choice in selecting community-based health care and hospital services, is important to the overall health of our community. The Center for Health in North Richmond, jointly being developed by a partnership of the Health Services Department and the community, is an excellent example of accessible community health services. The joint County/Brookside venture, which allows West County residents the option of delivering their babies either at Merrithew or Brookside Hospital, is an example of choice.

We are aware of the tremendous financial implications involved with the Merrithew Hospital replacement project. If the replacement hospital is not built, state and federal funds for construction will be withdrawn. That money is not available for any other purpose or services. In addition, the county would have to pay up to an estimated \$30 million from county funds in penalties and costs.

Contra Costa County also currently receives \$11 million yearly in federal money specifically for public health care for the indigent. Without the hospital, this funding will cease. This financial loss would drastically reduce the level of health and medical care services to every Contra Costa resident. It would result in nothing less than a public health disaster.

PEHAB believes that the comprehensive public health care system that we envision, which includes community and county hospital services, will ensure the best public health care for everyone.

Jean Siri and Julio Mendoza

Co-Chairs
Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board

The Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board (PEHAB) is a citizens' group appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise the Contra Costa County Health Services Department on public and environmental health issues.

Comparative frenzy

I have been following Mr. Shively's recent letters to the editor comparing the size of the proposed cardroom (all of which will be housed inside the existing race track building) first to football fields, then Safeways, and now Albany City Council chambers. What next? A comparison to the size of City Hall bathrooms?

Although I am only 11 months old, I too think comparing things is kind of neat. For instance, my crib (which is of average size) in which I usually spend over one-third of my entire day measures approximately 11.25 square feet. Therefore, over 133 of my cribs would fit into Mr. Shively's house (assuming a size of approximately 1,500 square feet). That strikes me as being a lot of cribs.

In addition, if one was to line up each square foot of Mr. Shively's house, one in front of the next, they would stretch nearly one-third of a mile. This is the approximate distance from Albany City Hall to Washington Avenue, a distance that would take me many hours to crawl.

By these comparisons, Mr. Shively's house seems awfully

big to me. While I understand that his house is already existing (like the race track building), I am wondering if we shouldn't tear down this monstrosity and dedicate the land to the public for open space.

Benjamin Elvis Feiner
Albany

Clear points

Editor:

I have been involved in Waterfront issues for the past 10 years as both a member of the Albany Waterfront Committee and as a council member. From both my perspective and the views of others who have been struggling with these issues for many more years than I, two points are clear:

—First, everyone can agree that as much park and open space should be secured at the Waterfront as possible.

—Second, regardless of whether you agree or disagree about whether the race track should be there at all, this park and open space is going to be extremely hard to acquire and develop because most of the land is privately held and under a long-term lease hold which has significant value.

So, as someone who has enjoyed our Waterfront and shoreline, who has worked very hard over many years, with other citizens, the landowner, other communities and agencies, I understand this fact: With the land ownership, leasehold and toxic problems at the waterfront, I know that it will be an extremely long time before the city or any other agency will provide us sanctioned and safe public access.

With Measure F we have the opportunity to take a step forward. This specific public access will be the lasting legacy of Measure F. It may be incremental but it is not inconsequential.

As a City Council member, I know that our city is in terrible financial difficulty. The parcel tax required to meet the deficit for next year is \$106, not the \$80 you have read in other literature. This is reality. It will increase each year just to meet the deficit. Just meeting the deficit is no way to run a city. This deficit has been brought about by continued state takeaways from cities. I believe this will continue and I do not want to tax people out of Albany. It is that basic.

If we want to be in a position to do something for our city, be it programs for our children, our families, our seniors, if we want to put additional funds toward the schools, if we want to revitalize San Pablo and Solano, if we want to retain qualified people to work with our community, we must do more than meet the deficit.

Conservative estimates of the parcel tax equivalent for the proposed card room tax revenue are \$303 per parcel to achieve \$2 million in revenue or \$424 per parcel for \$2.8 million in card revenue to the city. We are a built-out city with no other viable option before us.

Let us gain access to a vital resource in our community and begin to enjoy our shoreline in ways other than looking at 60 acres of old, run-down asphalt. Let us get families down there walking, biking, and enjoying the beach area. Let us reclaim these lands for our community.

Please join with me in voting for Measure F.

Elizabeth K. Baker
Albany City Council

Statements questioned

Editor:

Many Albany citizens recently received a letter signed by "Michael Feiner, Albany Citizens Fiscal Task Force," with an accompanying "Questions and Answers about Measure F." This mailing contained inaccurate statements about the role of the Fiscal Task Force with respect to Measure F, and as members of this task force, we are writing to set the record straight.

First, the implication in Mr. Feiner's letter that "the Albany Citizens Fiscal Task Force recommends this project" is untrue.

The recommendation made by the task force at its May 25 meeting was "that the City Council study the possibility of a card room at Golden Gate Fields," as reported in the City Council special newsletter for summer 1994 mailed to all residents.

There have been no subsequent meetings of the group since that time, so the Albany Citizens Fiscal Task Force has taken no official position on either the development agreement between Ladbroke and the city, nor on Measure F itself.

Second, at the end of Questions and Answers sheet, the inclusion of the Fiscal Task Force among those who "urge your 'yes' vote" is also untrue. As noted above, the last time the Fiscal Task Force met, Measure F did not even exist!

We, the undersigned, ourselves differ on Measure F, but we agree that the Albany Fiscal Task Force has taken no official position on Measure F. Any mailings or statements that imply otherwise do a disservice to the members of the task force and to the citizens of Albany who are discussing and debating this important issue.

Connie Jackson
James McNamara
James Quay
Albany

Supports Measure A

Editor:

We have lived in Albany 35 years, and raised our three children here; they attended Vista, Cornell, Albany Middle School and Albany High School. We know they received a superior education in Albany schools.

We are writing in support of Measure A, and urging our friends and neighbors to vote Yes.

Measure A will provide us with a new middle school, with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, so necessary in today's technical world. It will release sufficient funds already approved to do the necessary upgrading of all other schools, as originally contemplated.

The present middle school, the newest school in our district, is not large enough for today's middle school enrollment.

However, it will be more than adequate for a third elementary school, which will have the same facilities as Cornell and Marin, while still maintaining the "neighborhood school" concept. Please remember to vote on Nov. 8 and vote Yes on Measure A.

William and Doris Chambers
Albany

Side effects feared

Editor:

Let's be honest here.

There's a serious case of denial around City Hall when it comes to the side-effects of a casino. Experience has (generally) shown that cardrooms bring laundering of drug money, loan-sharking, and both domestic and Asian organized crime.

And where are these gamblers going to head when they need some cash to pay off a debt? To my street and your street. They'll break into your car and mine. All of our families will be at risk. Add more cops? Simply, don't create crime!

At a Planning and Zoning Commission hearing a Ladbroke executive stated that cardroom-related crime will not occur. "In that case," asked the chair, "will Ladbroke be willing to agree to pay for additional police officers needed to deal with cardroom-related crime, should any arise?" Absolutely not, they replied. Seems even Ladbroke knows the truth about crime and cardrooms.

C'mon, Albany, say "F-U" to crime and No on Measure F.

David Arkin
Albany

Questions addressed

Editor:

Some questions have been raised whether the proposed Albany Unified School District to build a school at the Hill Lumber site (Measure A) is permissible under state laws regarding general plans and local zoning regulations. From experience, currently as a School Board member, and as a City Councilman and Planning Commissioner, the answer does not present any problems for the district.

State law provides that proposed school sites, site plans, building plans and construction details be approved by the state. School sites are approved by a division of the Department of Education. Site plans, building plans and construction details are approved by the Office of the State Architect.

This system of state agency approval for educational facilities of a district, as opposed to non-educational facilities (like warehouses, school bus yards), was instituted by the state to isolate school districts from the multitude of concerns and political issues which local governments, by nature, are faced with.

Decisions made by a district and its school board regarding the siting and building of schools are intended to be based on a single focus of providing the best educational benefit for its students. To the extent that local electoral politics allow, a system of state approval works.

Building a school at the Hill Lumber site will impact the status of the City of Albany's general plan with the state, specifically the housing element of that plan. The city's general plan housing element had, to a great extent, relied on the Hill Lumber site as an area to fulfill its new housing, and moderate-cost housing goals. To the extent that the site becomes unavailable, the city will have to revise its plan.

The city's Planning Director has indicated that there are many other available strategies and policies available to the city's housing element back into conformance with state law to the extent that the district has resources available, I, as a member of the board, am ready and willing to assist the city in any way possible.

As the district and city share in so many aspects of public services to our citizens, both of us must be of what assistance can to each other so we both can do our jobs well.

Passage of Measure A will provide substantially improved educational facilities, which will be of benefit to the district and the city. Solving any problems it may cause will likewise benefit to the district and the city. With the commitment of the city and the assistance of the district, these problems are solvable. Don't let them be held up as bogymen in the passage of Measure A.

Ed Mc

Amazement and pride

Editor:

The campaigns for and against Measure F are finally down. I have watched, at times with amazement and other with pride, at how members of our community have chosen voters. This community dialogue, when it has not been pure or misleading, is a credit to Albany.

Last June the City Council directed staff to prepare documents and create a process whereby the voters of Albany could approve or disapprove a cardroom gaming facility at the existing Albany race track structure. Albany staff must have worked long and hard to draft a Gaming Ordinance and Development Agreement.

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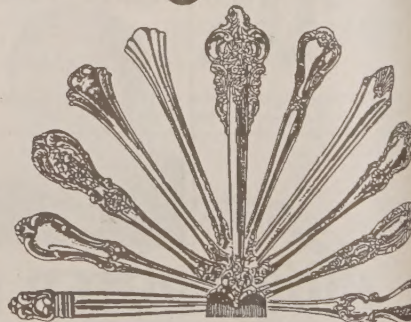
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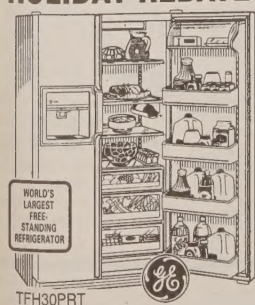
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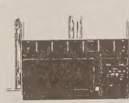
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New Member — Albany Video Service

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The low cost of \$48.50 or less for repair (Cain picks up and delivers at no extra charge) and a service cleaning of \$24.50 usually amaze customers, as they have had to pay much more for other repairs and wait many days for the return of the recorder. Cain will pick up at homes to 8 p.m. weekdays and usually deliver the recorder to the home within 24 hours. There are times when there is a turn-around of two to three hours, depending on the problem.

The need for faster and low-cost service came to Cain when he needed repairs on his own recorder. "I thought how unfair for people to be charged too much and taking too long for a cleaning that takes less than an hour," he said. "My priority is to enhance my company's image at every opportunity." He does a follow-up phone call to make certain the customer is happy and satisfied with his work. So far, no complaints.

A seven-checkpoint list includes cleaning of the tape heads, demagnetize the tape heads, lubricate all moving parts, take care of belts, dust everything off, check the connectors, and look for potential trouble. If you use a cassette type cleaner on your VCR, you still need to have your VCR professionally maintained, according to Cain. What if boils down to is that Albany Video Service is totally committed to giving you the most for your money.

Cain is a 1988 graduate of Albany High School and earned his degree in business at the University of San Francisco. When asked what he likes to do when not working, his answer was to listen to jazz and new age music. Cain can be contacted by phoning 524-4447.

Planning for Albany Day at the Races

Through the generosity and cooperation of Golden Gate Fields and Albany merchants, the Albany Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor Albany Day at the Races, scheduled for March 11, 1995.

Albany non-profit organizations are able to realize an unlimited amount of income with the selling of ADR tickets at \$1 each, six for \$5 or 10 for \$12. School clubs, scouts, churches and all non-profit groups are invited to participate, where



Allen Cain

the donors have the opportunity to win major prizes. Last year there were more than three dozen prizes donated by Chamber of Commerce members.

The organizations are also invited to nominate a person or persons for Citizen of the Year for volunteer work accomplished in 1994. Applications are available at the Chamber office, 1108 Solano Ave.

Plans must be made now. A planning takes a while and deadlines must be met. For information, call the Chamber at 525-1771.

Albany American Legion Post 292 Sponsors Frank Knapp Night

Aiding in-hospital veterans with needs not provided by the hospital, American Legion Post 292 will sponsor a fund-raiser, Frank Knapp Night, an annual event held each year in honor of Frank Knapp, who when in business sponsored this event.

On Nov. 12, there will be a dinner-dance with live country western music preceded by a roast beef dinner. A raffle will be held with first prize of a color television, and second is a crisp new \$100 bill, followed by many other prizes.

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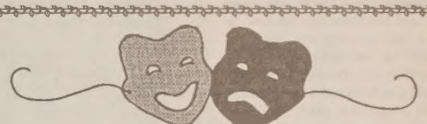
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For instance, Richmond's main drag, Macdonald Avenue, is named for her great uncle. It was he who convinced the railroads that Richmond was a great place for their yards, and it was the railroad yards that really got the city started.

Her father "joined up" just before the war started, so the family followed him around, moving from place to place as he was moved.

She was born in Portland, Or. and then her family moved to a home in Kensington.

When she was 9 years old, the family finally settled in El Cerrito, where she went to school. She went to college at San Jose State.

But even that didn't last long. After her first year, her father was sent to Iran, and she, just 17-

years-old at the time, went with them.

It was there that she says she "learned about being a kid."

Most of the other children were in boarding school in Switzerland, or away in college or were older than she and were teachers or nurses. So she became acquainted with the local people and that, she feels, expanded her horizons.

Jean took a job with the financial advisor of the National Iranian Oil Company. His job was to see that Iran got its "fair share of the consortium."

He was the only Britisher in the company and she was the only American. In spite of the fact that her only business skills were a half-hour-a-week typing class, she not only did his work, but she also helped him write his book on American aid to Greece.

During this time, Jean married a Dane, and their first daughter was born there.

Her daughter was not an American because she was born on foreign soil, and her mother had left the country before she was 18. So she had a Danish passport.

They were in Iraq on special assignment for two weeks when the rebellion erupted — the one that overturned the government.

"They killed the king and beheaded everyone." Jean and family fled in the middle of the night, and returned to Iran, where they stayed "until the war really heated up."

"There were tanks right in Shat-Al-Arab, right at the Persian Gulf," she remembers. "There is Iran and right there is Iraq."

So they left and went to Denmark. There they applied for her husband and daughter (then 6-months-old) for immigration papers to the U.S., and eventually, their return to this country.

When, after 20 years of marriage, Jean and her husband divorced, she decided to start a new life.

She had continued her education during this time.

She was working with children with learning disabilities and was a "volunteer in everything there was to volunteer for: Campfire, Boy Scouts, helping at Madera School and at Mira Vista" (she has an honorary life membership in PTA).



Community Folk
By Clara-Rae Genser

Her volunteering led to a job at Madera where she worked in the Special Education Room, tutoring children who needed more help, plus special activities for gifted children. "It was very fun."

In her "new life" she went on to several different jobs, finally returning to school and earning her degree in gerontology, doing her work in New York State.

Here, among other things, she was an active member of the PTA.

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An advertising feature




WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Women In Business, is a quarterly feature recognizing women throughout the East Bay and the variety of professions they are pursuing. The following provides valuable resource information to businesses and individuals and reveal a multitude of professions established by women.

Today you can find women embracing careers in such fields as auto mechanics and chimney sweeping to entrepreneurs in the world of art and dancing. The areas of mortgage brokers, dentists, travel agents, psychologists and realtors have also attracted women as well as publishing, entertainment, accounting, public relations, pet sitting and graphic design.

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Smith serves on the Communication Committee for the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors and is currently assisting in the canned food drive for the Richmond Rescue Mission. She is also a member of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

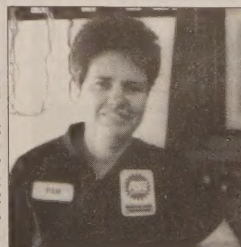
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Thora Worrell
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Letters

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The council's goals included devising a revenue stream (business license tax) and obtaining significant environmental/operational benefits at the Albany waterfront. The Gaming Ordinance provides for a minimum tax of \$1.2 million a year over the first 12 months of business operations. The tax revenues would end up being much higher if the operations turn out to perform up to market study predictions.

The Development Agreement gives us (Albany) a lawful opportunity to acquire, at no cost to the city, land for a Bay Trail according to East Bay Regional Park District specifications. MacGregor will fund \$500,000 of improvements to the trail and will provide the public with access to the Bay Trail and other waterfront areas. These are major benefits that we have desired over 15 years and may not obtain in the predictable future unless these measures are approved.

The Gaming Ordinance and Development Agreement contain other provisions designed to benefit Albany or workers in the card room facility. Most of all, the documents contain provisions to make sure the city has a thorough opportunity to review the application for a gaming permit.

The city will review the application in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act with the many standards and provisions of the documents that require public hearings before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council. The state will also review the application. Every citizen, who cares to, can participate in these hearings.

All application-related costs, studies, and staff time will be paid for by the applicant. The card room application can be denied if the granting of the license is not in Albany's health, safety, and welfare. See Section 8-11.4 of the Gaming Ordinance.

If Measure F is approved, the city staff is committed to processing any application at the highest professional standards. The Gaming Ordinance and Development Agreement provide all reviewing bodies and the staff with sufficient tools to protect the Albany community and environment.

Robert J. Zweben
Albany City Attorney

Tough questions

To my fellow citizens of El Cerrito:
Here are some tough questions to which we should have answers.

- Why did Shurgin get \$750,000 from the Redevelopment agency after getting four six-month project extensions from the agency? Was it fear of losing in court on Shurgin's suit for \$1.3 million?
- Why was \$48,000 paid to an individual to avoid going to court on his suit against Redevelopment?
- Why does Redevelopment continue to claim that it is entirely separate from the city when the council sits as the agency, and the city has lent the agency some \$400,000?
- Why does Redevelopment claim its debt is \$13 million when it owes another \$3.3 million on notes?
- Why does Redevelopment claim that it has increased sales tax revenue to the city when the record shows that last year's total has not even gotten back to the 1990-91 level?
- With the agency's (council's) track record, how can it make sense to approve their request for another \$50 million in development bonds that our grandchildren will have to pay for?
- Do you want still more assessments to make up for the revenue that would go instead to Redevelopment?
- You voted for bonds to replace underground storm-drain

pipes. Some of the council members wanted, instead, to use some of the money to create creeks. If you didn't vote for that, why did they try to do it?

I'd sure like answers to these questions. How about you? If you are as turned off as I am, do as I will and vote No on Measure F.

Robert (Bob) Winslow
El Cerrito

Powerful opportunity

Editor:

I agree with Howard Abelson in his letter to The Journal of Oct. 13 that voters should vote for Measure F to continue with Redevelopment in El Cerrito. There are few other tools that give an engaged El Cerrito citizenry such a powerful opportunity to shape the future of El Cerrito's development.

But I disagree with him as to how Redevelopment should be used. Mr. Abelson criticized the idea of trying to make businesses and services along San Pablo Avenue accessible to pedestrians, equating such an idea with trying to make San Pablo Avenue into another Rodeo Drive, Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills, or Solano Avenue. His Beverly Hills references suggest that he equates pedestrian accessibility with upscale shopping. My experience of pedestrians as a group is very different.

When I get out of my car and walk on our streets, the people I encounter are from a very broad spectrum, including affluent people who enjoy walking in their community, but also including lower-income elderly, children, students, young families—people who either can't drive or simply can't afford the expense of a car. There are over 6-1/2 million Californians with non-driver IDs issued by the DMV, most of whom could not afford to shop on Rodeo Drive.

Besides, should we be encouraging car driving given all the problems our auto dependency cause? A scattered population on wheels encourages a superficial attachment to place and the rise and fall in fashion of whole sections of cities. Look at the cities with some of the worst crime rates: Los Angeles, Detroit, Miami, nearby Richmond. What do they have in common? An almost total disregard for the pedestrian scale in their development.

There are more models for San Pablo Avenue development than simply Rodeo Drive or Solano Avenue. I agree with Mr. Abelson that the Solano Avenue model is unrealistic for San Pablo Avenue. Solano Avenue is unique in that it is pedestrian-friendly for nearly the entire length of the avenue.

I advocate something less ambitious for San Pablo Avenue, something urban designer Peter Calthorpe calls pedestrian pockets—nodes along the avenue where commercial services would be clustered. If encouraged to develop attractively with trees and businesses oriented to the street and sidewalk, these pockets as destinations would be useful to not only walkers and users of public transit, but also would be vital places for small businesses that profit from being clustered together.

Such nodes could include intersecting or side streets. The intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Stockton Avenue seems prime for such development. Not only does San Pablo Avenue have its several sidewalk-oriented businesses, but also Stockton Avenue has the library, senior center, veterans hall, and school. It wouldn't take too much of a stretch to eventually tie in the upper Stockton Avenue businesses as well.

El Cerrito would particularly profit from the pedestrian pocket form of development. According to the National Highway Administration, 27 percent of trips made by Americans are under a mile in length. Forty percent are under two miles. Most El Cerritos live closer than a mile from San Pablo Avenue, the Ohlone Greenway bike/pedestrian path, and from

cith BART station.

If pedestrian-friendly commercial districts were encouraged near the BART stations and two or three spaced between the stations along San Pablo Avenue, we would see a significant increase in walking and bicycling in our community, much as we have seen in recent years in Berkeley, where there are lots of "pedestrian pockets" scattered around town.

There is a lot of discussion nowadays about light rail going down San Pablo Avenue. Without clustered destinations along the route, people will not use such a system. If El Cerrito encourages sprawl-type auto-oriented development through its stretch of San Pablo Avenue, you can be assured that AC Transit will think twice about building such a system through our city. Redevelopment could help guide development to be more transit-oriented and community-accessible.

In El Cerrito, vote Yes for Measure F.

Steve Price
El Cerrito

Few options

Editor:

It is always difficult to give up a good thing! Vista and MacGregor are Albany's two small primary schools that will be closed in a few years if the present middle school is renovated into an elementary (K-5) school, part of the plan of Measure A. Albany schools are facing a situation that necessitates this change.

With increased enrollment and a changing educational program, we absolutely need a facility that will work to provide a quality educational program for all students in Albany. We have honestly and creatively maximized what we can do at our current sites. We have utilized every foot of space and scheduled every educational service and there are no more spaces or time slots left.

Let me share with you some of the needs that we have to provide a quality educational experience in an efficient way that offers our students a comparable educational experience at the bigger elementary schools (Cornell and Marin).

We do not have a multipurpose room. This means that our small schools have an inefficient lunch program and a diminished enrichment program. We are unable to schedule assemblies and performances; we cannot offer P.E. inside on rainy days; classrooms cannot utilize space for projects and plays.

We have makeshift libraries that offer our students very limited collections. In addition, because of limited funding, we cannot staff two lunchtime library programs. We have to alternate days in which our students can use their school library during lunch. The scheduling for our many programs that require small instructional space away from the classroom has reached its limit.

Teachers do not have any workspace: At Vista we prepare some of our instructional materials in the custodial closet; at MacGregor we use the school kitchen. Some staff members are shared at both schools and much is lost in the travel between both schools. The loss comes in the form of actual time to travel, but more importantly, in focus and efficiency.

The description above only speaks to the present program needs. We need more flexible space in all of our schools to meet some of the curriculum demands, e.g., classrooms with space for project work; rooms that are equipped for technological resources; rooms that can be utilized as science labs; and outside space to accommodate the play and physical needs of young children.

In restructuring the enrollment into three comparable elementary schools, we will ultimately relieve some of the latest

growth at Marin and Cornell and provide some flexible space to meet the curriculum needs.

It is indeed painful to think of giving up the benefits of small primary schools. Both schools have a certain spirit that we feel fearful we will lose if we grow. I believe we can creatively look at keeping the model of a small school, even if we move to a bigger site. There are possibilities to look at as the community plans for this change. There are models, such as "family schools," or a "school within a school."

I also believe that the spirit of any school is due primarily to the people who are together on that campus (staff, students, and parents) and the relationship they develop. I hope you will vote Yes on Measure A on Nov. 8. We who love our small schools are asking you to support us in this change, so that we can continue to do what is right for our students.

Helen Laird, Principal
Vista-MacGregor School
Albany

Hard work

Editor:

In 1985 the Albany Unified School District convened its first citizens' task force to study the problems facing the school district and to suggest possible solutions. Since that time there have been committees and groups working on various issues almost continuously. As three veterans of that first task force and many committees since, we would like to attest to the number of hours spent in discussion, study, and hard thinking that have gone into them.

One of the frustrations has been having to face the inevitable gap between what we want for our students and what we can realistically try to provide, given the constraints of state financing and local land availability. This is why the idea behind Measure A is such a wonderful one.

After almost 10 years of interim solutions to overcrowding, aging facilities and lack of essential instructional space, we have the possibility of getting what we really need—a long-term solution. We have the money, and the land is available. All we need is the 'yes' vote of this community.

We can truly say that this is the best idea that we have heard come out of all these study groups. Let's work together to make it a reality. Please join us in voting Yes on Measure A.

Ellen Benson
Georgia Fujikawa
Alan Riffer
Albany

Clarifying issues

Editor:

This letter is in response to the Oct. 13 letter to the editor from Glen Shirar of Albany. Mr. Shirar expressed confusion regarding Measure A on the Nov. 8 ballot, which seems to be based on Mr. Shirar's impression the library tax (Measure N, June 1994) was to convert the old Albany Library building on Solano Avenue into classrooms. Voters unanimously approved Measure N to provide funds to restore basic services of the Albany Library which were lost due to reduced state funding.

When voters approved Measure A, the Albany Schools Bond Measure, in March 1993, one of the suggested uses of bond revenues was conversion of the old library to administrative offices, releasing space for Cornell School classrooms. Until the community has the opportunity to vote on Measure A on Nov. 8, the old library building must remain available in the event administrative services relocate. The board's decision on the use

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■ MARTIN SNAPP

Smoke-Filled Rooms: Maybe I was in a bad mood because it was 9 a.m., and I had been up really late the night before. That must be why I was so rude to the nice woman who called.

"Hi!" she chirped. "I'm calling in support of Proposition 188, the Statewide Smoking Restrictions Initiative. Proposition 188 will regulate smoking in public and restrict access by minors to cigarette vending machines. Can we count on your support?"

"Wait a second," I said. "Wouldn't it also invalidate all local smoking laws?"

She didn't answer the question. Instead, she said, "Are you a smoker, sir?"

"And aren't you bankrupted by Philip Morris?" I continued. Click! She hung up without answering that one, either. In short, this so-called anti-smoking initiative is actually a pro-smoking initiative.

Now I've been watching politicians shade the truth for a long time. I remember when George Smathers upset Claude Pepper in the 1950 Florida Senate race by accusing Pepper of being a "practicing Homo Sapiens."

I remember James Michael Curley, the Boston mayor who would send an actor dressed as a Catholic priest into the Protestant wards and another actor dressed as a Protestant minister into the Catholic wards. Both would go door-to-door, urging people to vote for Curley's opponent.

And, of course, I've spent a lifetime watching the king of dissemblers, Richard Nixon.

But the tobacco lobby has hit a new low. This is the first time I've ever seen someone claim to be the *exact opposite* of what they really are. How cynical can you get?

The same could be said for all those attack ads that are polluting the airwaves these days. Feinstein attacks Huffington's wife. Huffington attacks Feinstein's husband. You know what they're really trying to do, don't you?

They don't necessarily want you to vote for their guy. They're trying to get you so turned off, you won't vote for the other guy (or gal, as the case may be).

And don't think it doesn't work. Pollsters report that voters are telling them they won't vote for Feinstein "because she'll do anything to get elected" (which is the slogan of a Huffington ad), or they won't vote for Huffington because "he's a Texas oil billionaire Californians can't trust" (which is the slogan of a Feinstein ad).

The end result is that voting turnout keeps dropping, election after election, until now a minority of the population is making decisions that affect all of us. It's anti-democratic, both in its intent and in its results.

The only thing I think to do about it is to vote against whoever has the nastiest ads. It's the only language these people understand.

For instance, everyone knows I'm what they used to call a "yellow dog Democrat." (Meaning I'd vote for a yellow dog if it were running on the Democratic ticket.)

But this time I'm going to vote for Republican Matt Fong for state Treasurer.

I don't know anything about Fong, except that he's the son of former Secretary of State March Fong Eu.

All I know is that he's running against Phil Angelides, who conducted one of the dirtiest campaigns I've ever seen in the Democratic primary. He accused his opponent, state Sen. David Roberti, of supporting the people who gun down doctors at abortion clinics.

It's true, Roberti is anti-abortion. And I'm as about as pro-choice, abortion-on-demand, as they come. But Roberti's position springs from his devout Roman Catholic faith. It's the same thing that makes him so good on animal rights issues. He may be wrong (in my opinion) on abortion, but that's a far cry from being in league with murderers.

And now, a few predictions:

Oakland Mayor: Ho hum. It looks like Elihu again. Ted Dang had a real shot, but two risky moves backfired on him: He ran as an anti-politician, but he allied himself with wheeler-dealer Paul Cobb, the self-styled "community activist" and former Harris ally who broke with the mayor after Harris refused to funnel those big bucks for rebuilding the Cypress Freeway through Cobb's West Oakland CERT organization.

2. Dang's blanket attack on "public officials" in general alienated many on the city council — driving them into the arms of the mayor, for whom they have little personal affection. Said one: "I never thought I'd ever be doing this much for Elihu."

Actually, the crucial question is not who will be the mayor, but who will be the next city manager. If (as the rumor mill is claiming) it's Don Perata, Oakland might finally have the kind of kick-ass executive who will cut a swath through the bureaucratic jungle.

Berkeley Mayor: After all these years, Shirley Dean will finally get her chance. The ruling BCA has controlled City Hall for so long, it's run out of energy.

You can see the difference in their street signs. "Dellums, Bates and Carson endorse Don Jelinek for mayor," say the BCA signs defensively. But Dean's signs take the offensive: "Had enough? Vote Dean!"

Meanwhile, in the Berkeley Rent Control Board election, the BCA is distributing flyers that read, "Vote for All Rent Board candidates whose names end in D, Z, or O." How's that for a stirring slogan?

Governor: What are we to make of Kathleen Brown? When she first burst upon the scene she was hailed as the best of all possible Browns: someone with her father's charm and her brother's politics.

Instead, she turned out to have her brother's charm and her father's politics.

So, despite his being declared dead just a few months ago, it looks like another win for Pete Wilson. You have to say this for the guy: You can't beat him for sheerchutzpah.

All during his years in the Senate, he was the faithful water-carrier of the big agribusiness interests who wanted more cheap Mexican labor.

Now he's running around the state screaming that illegal immigrants (translation: Mexican illegal immigrants) are the cause of all our ills, from the budget deficit to pimples.

And he has the gall to run TV commercials that say, "What I do is driven by some core beliefs that I have."

Senator: Huffington (the TV image) is the best candidate I've ever seen. Unfortunately, Huffington (the man) is the worst candidate I've ever seen. Diff in a walk.

And Finally, An Out-And-Out Endorsement: This is something I don't usually do, but one ballot issue personally offends me. It's not only unfair and unwise, it's downright un-American.

I refer, of course, to Proposition 187, the initiative that would deny schooling and medical care to children of illegal immigrants.

Just what we need, huh? Young people with no skills and lots of diseases, growing up right in our midst. It's a recipe for social disaster 20 years down.

But there's a deeper reason to oppose Prop. 187: If you vote for it, you're voting against your own grandparents.

"But," I can hear you thinking, "my grandparents came here legally. These people didn't."

Don't be too sure. The distinction between legal and illegal is often a political one. During the great Irish potato famine of 1845-1849, when 3 million people emigrated to avoid starving to death, many had to be smuggled into this country illegally. Irish immigration quotas had been slashed due to pure political pressure from the Native American Party, better known as the Know-Nothings.

Italian, German, Chinese, Greek, Polish and Japanese immigrants could tell the same story. The welcome mat was yanked away from all of them.

And it was this same attitude that kept thousands of Jews out in the late '30s, dooming them to return to Germany and the waiting death camps.

The supreme irony is that these immigrants and their children are the very people who made our country what it is today, from Albert Einstein to Joe Dimaggio.

And the same is still true. After all, if they're good enough to take care of Mike Huffington's kids, they're good enough to take a place in our society.

Vote no on 187.

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Redevelop

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El Cerrito and that the city can attract business in other ways.

Though Amberg had asked about any impact Redevelopment may have had on Home Depot's decision to locate in El Cerrito, the public relations manager for the corporation eventually answered his questions from a strictly financial viewpoint.

In her letter to him, Nell Parker, who is stationed in Atlanta, Ga., said she had contacted the real estate manager for the West Coast, Jim Lyon, who had explained to her that "the city's redevelopment project was not a factor in our decision to locate a store at that site."

Parker appears to have been providing an answer addressing financial involvement, however, since she immediately goes on to say that "the Redevelopment Agency did not contribute any money to the development of our store. The Home Depot is fully financing the project."

"He explained that some of the development near our store received money from the Redevelopment Agency, but The Home Depot did not."

Cardroom

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support from one source are required to designate their group as "sponsored by."

Groups spending less than \$1,000 are not required to file.

"Friends of the Albany Waterfront" leader Jerri Holan said she had been in contact with the owner of the Oaks Club Room, a cardroom in Emeryville, "since the beginning of the campaign" and that they shared "similar goals environmentally" in their opposition to Measure F.

Originally associated with the "No on Casinos"

Plaza

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"all their programs are basically proven and successful. They pick out what is appropriate for El Cerrito from their library of programs."

Having only been working with the center about six months, Louise Fletcher said later, it has been a successful approach to use library programs. Now that she's gotten to know El Cerrito, however, she's working on writing new programs specifically geared for the Plaza's surrounding community. It's part of her philosophy to involve neighborhoods in the center.

After coming up with ideas, it's the merchants and sometimes, as in the case of the Halloween event, the surrounding communities, that make the program work.

McNeer believes that's been happening successfully at the Plaza, though the real push in promotion

Library

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such thing as a purely circulation activity," library clerk Steve Wasserman said.

Kay Eisenhower, a librarian in Fremont, said the issue has ramifications beyond Albany's borders.

"I'm concerned about what happens to the (Alameda County Library) system on the whole. I'm personally surprised that the first attack on full service should come from this particular branch...but librarians in south branches won't work for Measure V (Alameda County Library hours) because of what's happening here," she said.

Bob Sanderson, an Albany resident and Berkeley librarian, along with others said he'd rather see the library closed than operating with less than its full complement.

Chief

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Fields was part of a "character assassination" opponents of Measure F have been conducting.

"I don't patronize card rooms," Murdo said Tuesday. "I have the regulatory capabilities for the card room operations. I don't have anything to do with cards and I don't care about cards, so I completely divorce myself from that issue. I can make some very impartial decisions."

Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben, who helped draft the proposal, agreed, calling claims of a conflict of interest "a bunch of horse crap" spread by opponents of the card room.

"If you've got a problem with the police chief, then

Chamber

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Mary Perkins of Yujean's Restaurant Wins a Finalist Award

Mary Perkins, owner of Yujean's Modern Cuisine of China Restaurant, 843 San Pablo Ave., has been awarded a finalist plaque in the Gourmet Evian Healthy Menu Awards. Chefs from California, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Hawaii competed in the preparation and

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Solano and Masonic avenues. Officers found that someone had thrown a medium-sized pumpkin through a window of a residence. Officers were not able to locate the juveniles.

• An Emeryville man was cited when officers found that he had left his 3-year-old son unattended in his vehicle at Golden Gate Fields for an extended period of time while he went inside to make wagers.

• Officers were advised of an "organized" student rally/water balloon fight to be held at the baseball field at Albany High School at about 9 p.m. on Oct. 27. They were told this was sanctioned by the Vice Principal and

On Oct. 12 of this year, Lyon wrote a letter directly to Mae Ritz, chair of the Redevelopment Agency — evidently addressing a different question than the financial one.

Lyon said, "Although our new store was not constructed within the redevelopment project area, the fact that the agency is active in revitalizing this portion of El Cerrito was a significant factor in our location decision. We want to be in successful business districts — not declining business districts."

"I'm sure you will find that other retailers like Home Depot will respond favorably to your efforts to upgrade the San Pablo Avenue Commercial Corridor."

Lyon could not be reached for comment.

Aside from the interpretations of the Home Depot letters, Amberg believes there is plenty of evidence that El Cerrito should take a different approach to business development.

"It's my point that businesses will go where they view their customers to be. Given the proper circumstances — the vision of a customer base and an atmosphere that's not unfriendly — businesses will come. They won't come without that customer base or with

bureaucratic obstacles in their way."

While Amberg realizes that there is some loss in attracting new businesses to El Cerrito because of the slight decline in its population over recent years, he believes that situation can change and that businesses have in fact come to the city without opponent assistance. He would like to see more efforts from the city in attracting businesses, perhaps, appropriate changes in zoning requirements (in the area of parking, for example) or even tax relief for a certain period of time, a step points to as successfully used by areas outside in attracting businesses away from California.

"That approach doesn't actually hurt the city since they aren't getting any money now," "Ultimately, they gain."

In general, he said, "There isn't any question of attitude of El Cerrito toward business needs. If they do that, I think they can get businesses without any trouble."

"I think there should be some experimental other approaches, rather than using public money to subsidize private businesses."

committee, Holan split with that group reportedly because they refused to accept funds from out-of-town cardrooms.

"It was not over money. I left because their campaign was not well organized or effective. I decided I'd be better off by myself," Holan said.

Eager to dispel the confusion about who's who among the anti-cardroom forces, "No on Casinos" spokesperson Joyce Jackson said, "I reiterate: Jerri Holan is in no way connected with our organization."

"This latest revelation underscores the message No on Casinos has been attempting to reach voters with.

Namely, big gambling money has the potential to influence, undermine, and, in some cases, take over individual groups and institutions," Jackson said.

And Mayor Mike Brodsky, an ardent supporter of Measure F, agrees with Jackson in deploring Emeryville cardroom's entry into the race.

"It clearly shows that people claiming Albany's best interest are not. They're following business interests of outsiders who couldn't care about the well-being of our waterfront or our maintain city services," Brodsky said.

only began a few months ago.

"We're changing things, we're doing something different, and there's a learning curve involved," he said.

McNeer said participation has been pretty much 100 percent; though one or two stores may not participate in a promotion that's less appropriate for them, they will likely join in on the next one.

There have been a number of events to choose from.

The Autumn's in the Air campaign started Tuesday, Nov. 1. Through the 17th of November, anyone can fill out an entry blank at any store for a free turkey drawing. Thirty will be awarded.

This weekend, the Plaza is providing the setting and some manpower to work with Janet Abelson and AC Transit on a special Transportation Day event, with

demonstrations and information tables provided by over 20 different agencies, including BART, AC Transit and WestCat.

Older historical buses will be among the featured rides. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Upcoming events include the Christmas Eve Breakfast with Santa on December 3. The "Bears of Christmas" is the primary holiday program.

The program has proven very popular, with a Pear Tree, Nanny Bear, Angel Bear, and special characters — handmade designer teddy bears.

Bears are stationed in every store (there are repeats), to encourage visits to different stores, each is a narrative telling who they are and how they fit into the scheme of things.

"I never thought of the idea that it would be better if the library were open without full staff. Anybody who works in a library doesn't think it's a good idea. We shudder and start shaking when we hear this," he said.

Resident Jennifer Adams, speaking solely as a library patron, submitted petitions signed by 100 residents asking the board to reconsider its position.

"We voted for Measure N with the understanding that basic library hours would be reinstated," she said, referring to a preferred 37-hour full service schedule.

But Library Board members said there simply isn't enough money in the budget to support the alternative.

"It was an attempt to balance an interest from the City Council on a much more expensive circulation-only proposal. Looking at the money available in budget, six hours seemed to be too much money and

three hours seemed like it might fit the budget. Boardmember Ed McManus said, adding that he was sure how the motion, which he made, became a four-hour.

The issue at present appears to be moot because proposal is being held back from City Council consideration pending a "meet and confer" process between library staff and management to determine what proposal would be accepted by staff.

When exactly that process will take place is to be determined, but in the interim, Library Board members are standing by their recommendation.

"We didn't recommend cutting hours. We recommended that the board is to change the delivery model, not true. It is intended to be a supplement to service hours," Boardmember Bill Cain said.

you get rid of the police chief," Zweben said. "You don't get rid of a business operation because you don't trust your police chief."

He called the gaming ordinance that sets up Murdo's oversight "similar if not identical in many respects to regulations that were written up and down the state."

The city of Emeryville, which has a smaller card room than the one being proposed in Albany, gives similar oversight responsibilities to its police chief. Emeryville Chief of Police Joseph Colletti, said the assignment is necessary.

"Largely, only police can have access to criminal history records, so that's why it's appropriate that that function be regulated by the police department," Colletti

said. "Typically, the Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation won't talk to us either because of certain legal restrictions."

Colletti said one difference between the two powers has to do with appeals process.

"You couldn't have somebody that had the authority to unilaterally make a decision with no recourse."

"Any city would have to set up some kind of appeal process. Employees or patrons barred from Emeryville card room may receive an appeal hearing by City Council. No such hearing would be allowed in Albany."

"I'm surprised (Albany) took that approach," Colletti said. "When you can set up avenues within the structure, it's far more efficient."

value, use of fresh local ingredients, creativity and originality, ease of preparation, overall balance and presentation.

Mary submitted an asparagus salmon with ginger sauce plate. "Whether cooking for a family or customers, I am conscious of the ingredients I'm using," she said. "Using things like cilantro and fresh ginger allow me to create dishes that are exciting to the taste buds and healthy for the body."

that all involved would stay within the confines of the school grounds. At about 9:20 p.m. officers received several calls of complaint from the residences surrounding the park. By 11 p.m. most had departed and there was evidence of balloons and eggs in the park area.

• Unknown thieves used bolt cutters on a chain gate to gain access to a business on the 500 block of Cleveland Avenue during the dark morning hours of Oct. 31. They stole an unidentified amount of lumber and departed unseen.

• Unknown thieves stole both license plates from a vehicle parked on the 1100 block of Marin Avenue on

the morning of Oct. 31 and departed unseen.

• While a young Albany girl was out treating on the 1100 block of Portland Avenue at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 she was bit by a dog and asked if she could pet it. The wound was not serious.

• Unknown vandals threw a rock at the windshield of a 1994 Pontiac Grand Prix while it was parked 500 block of Cornell Avenue at about 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 31. Witnesses said the vandals were driving a Ford Ranger pickup with red highlights on the roof that departed north on Cornell Avenue then turned right inside the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot.

In the Game



By Peter Mentor

Cougars score winning season

By Scott Kaplan

It would be interesting to attend the next ACCAL coaches' meeting and watch the interaction between Albany Coach Anthony Freeman and Salesian Coach Ty Myers.

Last Saturday in an Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League match-up, the upstart Cougars stomped the Chieftans 40-6 in Richmond.

While Albany clinched its first winning season in years and James

McKinney went wild again, what observers will remember most was Albany successfully recovering an onside kick in the fourth quarter despite leading by 34 points.

Following the play, a mini-brawl ensued, and the game was called with 4:05 left.

Prior to the onside kick, Freeman had been livid with the officiating, feeling that the calls were going against Albany just to keep Salesian in the game.

The Cougars were penalized for

144 yards on the afternoon.

"The outside kick was out of frustration," said Freeman. "Last year when we were getting beat 50-0 we weren't getting calls in our favor. The officials are telling my quarterback (Burlin Germany) not to pass the ball. Just let the kids play football."

Currently Albany is 5-2 overall, 3-1 in the ACCAL. Salesian drops to 1-7 overall, 0-5 in the ACCAL.

For the second straight week Albany racked up 501 yards of of-

fense. In three of their last four league games Albany has eclipsed the 400-yard mark from scrimmage.

Albany's prowess on offense can be attributed primarily to McKinney.

Against the Chiefs the senior tailback rushed for 241 yards and three touchdowns. McKinney also caught three passes for 78 yards and two touchdowns. In just seven games he has 1,160 yards rushing, 378 receiving.

Junior quarterback Burlin Ger-

'Just let the kids play football.'

—ALBANY COACH
ANTHONY FREEMAN

many completed 5 of nine passes for 133 yards. Aside from tossing two touchdown passes to McKinney and one to Toby Norman, Germany rushed for 67 yards.

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BHS volleyball wins BVAL title

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley girls' volleyball coach Ed Cohen calls Antioch's gymnasium the "House of Horrors" whenever his team goes out there to play.

Antioch plays poorly in Berkeley but great at home, and every time Berkeley travels to Antioch the Yellowjackets struggle to win.

Berkeley came close to losing its first Bay Valley Athletic League match in two years at the Scare Dome in Antioch two weeks ago, but a big rally in the fourth game and a win in the fifth game sealed a 3-2 victory.

That win and two more victories over Pittsburg and Pinole Valley last week gave Berkeley the BVAL championship.

Antioch helped Berkeley achieve that goal. The Panthers continued their hot streak by beating second place Monte Vista, the only team capable of challenging Berkeley for a share of the league title.

Monte Vista slipped to 8-2 in the BVAL and out of the title picture after losing to Antioch because Berkeley climbed to 11-0 and clinched the BVAL title with one game to go.

That one game—against Monte Vista—was scheduled for Tuesday this week. What could have been a challenge for a share of the league title by Antioch was nothing more than a chance for Berkeley to go undefeated in league for a second consecutive year.

The Jackets needed to win the match Tuesday to keep their string of 27 consecutive league victories alive.

"We clinched the league championship last Thursday at Pinole Valley," said Cohen before the match Tuesday. "That's not going

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Jeff Lindquist
Berkeley's Antoinette Tillman, Molly Sklut and Angela Jackson converge on the ball. (No. 3 is Emily Tauts.)



Panthers run off with win over El Cerrito

By Peter Mentor

El Cerrito showed it could play nearly even football against St. Mary's for half a game, but the Panthers went back to their successful running game and ran wild, scoring three touchdowns in the second half for a 26-6 victory.

The win showed why St. Mary's is undefeated in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League this year and possibly heading for the North Coast Section playoffs.

Panther quarterback Jason Bivens could not be contained in the backfield. Bivens gained a game-high 175 yards on 19 carries and scored two touchdowns. It was similar to the show he put on at De Anza earlier in the season.

St. Mary's running back Norman Hayes ran the ball 24 times for 135 yards and scored one touchdown for the Panthers.

The two speedy runners picked up 310 of St. Mary's 323 yards rushing and Bivens added 19 yards on 1-of-6 passing for a total 342 yards of offense.

In the meantime the Panther defense was oppressive, limiting the Gauchos to just 30 net yards, rushing and holding them scoreless until the fourth quarter.

Gaucha running back Ayodele Mitchell picked up just 16 net yards rushing and Edward Dyer had 20 yards.

El Cerrito got some good air time from quarterback Charles Lovell, who completed seven of 19 passes for 107 yards, but he gave up one interception and scored no points on the pass.

Instead Lovell did it on the ground, scoring on a 2-yard run with 1:55 left in the game to erase

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Conning named NCS honor coach

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley cross country goes to the biggest race of the Bay Valley Athletic League season at Point Pinole for the BVAL Championships this Friday.

This meet should decide a league champion, although Berkeley is looking at this more as a warmup for the North Coast Section Division I Meet of Champions at Mills College in two weeks.

Competition for the league title begins at 2 p.m. for the frosh/soph race, 2:25 p.m. for the girls' junior varsity, 2:40 p.m. for the boys' junior varsity, 3:15 p.m. for the varsity girls and 3:45 p.m. for the varsity boys.

The Jackets finished the regular season last Thursday when they ran against Monte Vista at Contra Loma Regional Park.

In the boys' varsity race, Monte Vista beat Berkeley 16-43 with Mustang runner

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Albany, El Cerrito in league playoffs

By Niall Adler

At first it seemed like both Albany and El Cerrito's girls' tennis squads were going in opposite directions. Now, with the playoffs this week, Albany has begun to gel as a team, says Coach Frank Brown. And El Cerrito has given coach Donna Wood hope that a rebuilding stage has begun that will pay off next year.

For the playoffs Wood has decided on sending No. 1 and No. 2 singles players Juliet Miya and Debby Young, the No. 1 doubles team of Kristen Harrell and Judy Nutting, and the No. 3 team of Melissa Martin and Julie Chen to the Harbor Bay Marina in Alameda.

Brown, on the other hand, hasn't decided on which match-ups he will send, and practice will tell him which combinations will give Albany the best shot. He did say he would send No. 1 singles player Elsa-Jennie Bliss, who will be one of the favorites at the Harbor Club, and the No. 2 doubles team of Amy Johnson and Hester Mills.

After that, Brown is not sure who he will match up. No. 2 singles player Jeni Aramayo, who last year

with partner Rosie Mills got into the quarter finals, will again be playing doubles. But her partner is undecided. The candidates are Akiko Kondo and Amritha Raghunathan.

On the playoffs, Brown said, "I think EJ's (Bliss) got a shot of winning it. She's got to maintain her confidence level and focus to have a real shot."

Bliss agreed with Brown about the playoffs, saying, "If I keep my head on straight, than I'll play pretty good."

With regard to his doubles teams, Brown said any one of them could be a "dark horse," and it all depends on the draw. The playoffs are yesterday and today at the Harbor Bay Marina in Alameda.

On Oct. 25, El Cerrito traveled to Albany, where Albany's experience prevailed 5-2. Albany won all the singles, while El Cerrito won two out of three doubles matches.

In a match-up of No. 1s, El Cerrito's Miya and Albany's Bliss fought a battle of strength and power. Bliss, who is a junior, had two years on Miya and prevailed in straight sets 6-3, 6-3.

"I think I played well. I had a

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El Cerrito's No. 1 singles player, Juliet Miya

Jeff Lindquist

Berkeley

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to affect us psychologically. The players are thinking about going undefeated and winning a North Coast Championship."

Despite the close call at Antioch, Cohen felt it was a great match for the Jackets, who were looking for the challenge.

"It was good to have a challenge and discover you've got heart," said Cohen of his team. "This was one where we had to beat a team that was playing some incredible volleyball."

Taufa tough

Berkeley lost the first game 15-9 to Antioch, and the Jackets barely squeaked by to win the second game 15-12. The Panthers won the third game 15-11 and had a 13-8 lead in the fourth game, just two points away from a match victory.

It was late in the fourth game with no substitutes available and Berkeley just one rotation away chaos when Jacket sophomore Emily Taufa served seven consecutive points to keep Berkeley alive on a 15-13 win.

Berkeley fell behind 2-0 in the fifth game, but Taufa delivered 15 straight service points for a 15-2 victory to win the match.

"She served some real tough serves," said Cohen. "In our pre-season goals Emily said she wanted to be able to make every serve and in this match she served the last 22 points for us."

Cohen said Berkeley hit the ball so hard at times that there was no way the Panthers would return it, yet the ball kept coming back. It was just that kind of match.

"Antioch was taking away so many of the things we do so well,"

said Cohen. "In the third game Valerie Harvey just stuffs this girl, pushing the ball down onto the hitter's head. The ball comes up as a perfect pass to the setter and they get another swing at it."

Rough season

Following a tough preseason Berkeley was going unchallenged in the first half of the BVAL season, so it was refreshing if not a bit scary when teams like Antioch started playing well against the Jackets.

The Jackets had not lost even a single game in a match during the first half of the league season, then they lost a game in a 3-1 victory over Carondelet.

In that match Berkeley lost the first game 17-15 and the Jackets were down 9-3 in the second game when they called an "X" play, where the setter put up a set that looks too high for the hitter and another hitter crosses in from behind and pounds the ball.

Berkeley's Alike Boggan was the second hitter, and she crushed the ball in the face of a Carondelet player. Berkeley won the game 15-12, then won the next two 15-9 and 15-8 to take the match.

"That sort of woke everyone up," said Cohen of the big hit. "That certainly seemed to be the turning point."

Boggan, Amanda Nakahara and Taufa were the big hitters in that match from the left side, while Angela Jackson and Amanda Salzman were powerful from the right. Molly Sklut added another attacker at the net, putting up fake sets and dumping the ball over the net.

That trend continued in the 3-0 win against Liberty, where Boggan had eight kills in eight attempts,

and Nakahara served 11 straight points to end the match. Six of the serves fell for aces, including the last four serves.

Berkeley swept Pittsburg in less than an hour, then beat Pinole Valley 3-0 in another easy match last week. Boggan had seven kills in the first game against Pinole. She sat down the rest of the match to give the Jackets more of a challenge.

Tournament blues

This past Saturday the Jackets played in the Bishop O'Dowd Volleyball Classic, where two of the teams they could meet in the NCS Division I playoffs were playing.

Berkeley did not do well at all, losing 2-0 matches to tournament winner Castro Valley, second place College Prep and Division I opponent James Logan.

The Jackets played to a draw against host team O'Dowd in the last match of the day because the teams were kicked out of the gym after splitting the first two games.

Berkeley's overall record slipped to 22-10 after the tournament, but Cohen does not feel will hurt his team in the NCS seedings.

The BVAL has no playoffs and Berkeley has a two-week layoff until North Coast begin Nov. 15.

Cougars

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On defense Quinton Barksdale added two interceptions, while Carlos Blanco recorded his fifth pick of the year.

The Cougars jumped on the scoreboard first, marching 80 yards on eight plays for the score.

A McKinney 15-yard run and 2-point conversion gave Albany an 8-0 lead.

Later in the first McKinney tacked on an 18-yard touchdown run, followed by a 14-yard reception which built Albany's advantage to an insurmountable 20-0.

"We were trying to beat Salesian so bad that they wouldn't have any thoughts about beating Albany," said Freeman.

Tomorrow the Cougars square off against next-door neighbor El Cerrito. Game time at Cougar field is 3 p.m. Last season the Gauchos crushed the Cougars 45-0 en route to their 8-2 finish.

Berkeley

Indeed Berkeley entered its BVAL affair against Pittsburg ready to shoot it out. The problem was, the only shooting the Jackets did was at their feet.

In an important Bay Valley Athletic League game, the Jackets com-

mitted crucial mistakes early and often, as the Pirates came away with a 39-21 win.

The loss Friday, dropped the Jackets to 6-2 overall, 2-2 in BVAL. The Pirates are 4-4 overall, 3-2 in BVAL.

On the night the visiting Jackets fumbled the ball seven times while committing a total of five turnovers.

Pittsburg, on the North Coast section 3A bubble, managed to convert all four of the Jacket fumbles into scores. The Pirates also took advantage of a blocked punt to tack on another touchdown.

The Jackets trailed by as much as 39-7 before Berkeley's Bobby Trout recovered a Pittsburg blocked punt in the end zone.

Diondre Winstad closed out the game, scoring with a 49-yard touch-

down reception from Pinole Valley Walker in the fourth.

About the only significant light for Jacket backers was Cherry's 99-yard touchdown per with 10 seconds remaining in the first half. Cherry finished 101 yards on four carries.

For the winners Ken Sim rushed for a game-high 166 and two touchdowns.

"They came to play, but we," said Jacket Coach Tuiaasopo. "We just made mistakes that hurt us against a team."

Tomorrow at 3 p.m. the take on North Coast Section runner-up Pinole Valley in Berkeley. The Spartans are 4-4 in 1-3 in the BVAL after Liberty 42-32 last Friday.

Tennis

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hard time with the forehand, and I wasn't serving well today. . . She's a good player," said Miya.

Miya's play did remind coach Brown of a young Bliss and if that is true, El Cerrito has something to look forward to in the years to come.

For the No. 2 singles, Albany's Aramayo faced Young and won easily 6-0, 6-1. Young contributed losing to her serving and ground strokes, while Aramayo won primarily because of her serve. No. 3 Akiko Kondo, meanwhile, in the final home match of her career, won 6-2, 6-3.

"Nothing went right. But my opponent made more mistakes," said Kondo.

Mahsa Khodabakhsh finished off El Cerrito with a sweep winning 6-2, 6-1 over Qiana Washington, saying afterwards, "I love slammin' em."

In the doubles contests, the No. 1 team of Raghunathan and Raha Jorjani won the last match for Albany versus Kristen Harrell and Judy Nutting, 7-5, 6-2.

El Cerrito's No. 3 team of Melissa Martin and Julie Chen won 6-1, 6-3 over Katherine Winkelstein and Noelle Perron. Perron, an exchange student from Switzerland, was play-

ing in her final match of her short career at Albany.

In the No. 2 match, El Cerrito's Eileen Chung and Kristin Jong won 1-6, 7-6, and 7-3 in the tiebreaker over Hester Mills and Joanne Lew for their second and final win of the afternoon. In the tiebreaker, after Mills and Lew had gone up 3-1, Chung and Jong came storming back, winning the next 6 points.

"We did fine. We did great with a makeshift lineup. It was nice to have depth. But El Cerrito played a very good match. And they played much better than their record indicates," said Brown.

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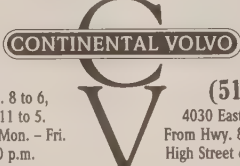
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Following that modest beginning have come the Civic Plaza Apartments, Del Norte Place, El Cerrito Royale, Cerrito Galleria, Target, Bank of the West Plaza, Warehouse Records Center, Kentucky

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Even projects which did not receive direct Agency assistance such as FoodsCo and Home Depot have stated they would not have come to El Cerrito without the vitality attributable to redevelopment efforts.

Because of these factors, the Redevelopment Advisory Committee (RAC) unanimously recommended that the agency continue,

that it raise the bonding level, and that the agency earmark 25 percent of the funds to assist to revitalize the Plaza.

They recognized that a turnaround of the Plaza would benefit both shoppers and the City equally. The Committee also asked that the City Council place the measure on the ballot so that the citizens could clearly be involved in moving the City ahead.

Another request of the committee was that the city appoint a permanent citizens' advisory committee to oversee all future redevelopment proposals.

The Agency (City Council)

adopted all of these recommendations, and placed the issue on your November 8th ballot as Measure F.

Unfortunately, a small group of those opposed to some aspects of redevelopment, funded by out of town interests, has been using half-truths and untruths to defeat Measure F.

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East Bay Events This Week



Richard Blair

Japanese dancer I Made Sidia performs a mask dance when the ensemble Gamelan Sekar Jaya comes to the Julia Morgan Theater on Saturday.

Balinese dance and music at the Morgan

Gamelan Sekar Jaya, the 35-piece gamelan ensemble headquartered in the East Bay, is hosting the only California appearance of I Made Sidia, a dance virtuoso, choreographer and puppeteer from the National Arts Academy in Bali. He will perform a full *topeng pajegan* series of masked dances performed by a single dancer. The performance is also the debut for the ensemble's new artistic director, composer and drummer I Made Arnawa, who has just arrived from Bali. The performance is at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$12 (\$10 seniors/students). Call 237-6849 for more details.

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Kazuko Cleary

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With Terry and Crosspulse perform Sunday at the Julia Morgan Theater in Berkeley.

More events

Little amusement in McNally comedy

■ Two straight couples spend a harried weekend on Fire Island.

By Phyllis Lyon

The Actors Ensemble opened their winter season last week with *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, a gloomy what-we-did-on-our-summer-vacation comedy destined to play weekends at the Live Oak Theater in Berkeley through Nov. 19.

Stage

In three acts over breakfast, cookout and nightcaps, two straight couples dance forward and back in an oyster quadrille during a Fourth of July weekend on Fire Island, New York's renowned homosexual haunt. The talk is of love and death. The jokes are on New Jersey and the show biz.

In alternating combinations of twos, threes and fours, playwright Terrence McNally's husbands and wives, sister and brother try, but cannot succeed, to make nice lolling and drinking on the single-set deck overlooking the Atlantic shore. Grim asides let the audience in on secrets of homophobia, adultery, disease and fear of failure lurking in the hearts of the mismatched marrieds.

Ensemble actors Maddy Fluhr, Ron Josef Meier, Robert Hamm and Carolyn Cox, directed by Ron Anderson, make the most of the dramatic opportunities available in a play whose pie-eyed characters are mostly pawns to the message.

Meier as Sam Truman, the self-made construction boss who would rather be home bowling in Trenton, captures sympathy as the only member of the quartet who appears to suffer any sea change during the weekend of emotional fireworks. He also manages the dangerous feat of taking a shower on stage and keeping a towel on.

As Sam's wife Sally, Cox is poignantly soulful mourning her brother's death by AIDS while watching a man swim to his death in the ocean. Cox is simultaneously required to double as a ditz woman who can't get movie

'Lips' is a period piece with 1991 written all over it.

Carolyn Cox, left, Ron Meier, Maddy Fluhr and Robert Hamm portray two couples who spend the Fourth of July on Fire Island in a house inherited from a brother who has died of AIDS.

titles right, an acting task too great even for the likes of, say, Meryl Streep.

Hamm is the brooding, cold-fish John Haddock. Progressing from crossword puzzles in the a.m. to nearly breaking his brother-in-law's arm in the p.m., his dark secret finally prompts him to hold his head under the water of the deckside pool too long for comfort.

The flash and bang in the Ensemble's *Lips* bursts in air in Fluhr's pyrotechnical performance as Chloe, wife of John and sister of Sam. A musical comedy actress, she is always on — cooking, dancing, getting in and out of beachy suits which tend to accidentally come unsnapped to reveal all — all the manic talk a

coverup for her secret.

The problem with Chloe, as written and as acted by Fluhr, is whether it's good theater to play irritating by being irritating. When her fellows on stage say to her "Shut up," should the audience be saying to itself, "Please!" That is the question.

At its mean-spirited heart, *Lips* sets up the married pairs as a straw-man to be slapped down with an idyllic vision of gay relationships. Gay neighbors, out of sight on both sides of the subject beach house, have such a good time, are so neighborly.

While "they" dance, engage in tender, loving sex on the beach and in the bushes off stage, "we" are frightened, self-absorbed and nasty on.



Ray Young

"They" invite us over. "We" refuse to go.

And, the unkindest cut of all, "they" know how to die. "We" don't.

Lips, a period piece with 1991 written all over it, is permeated with xxx-rated talk illustrating either the level of sophistication in New Jersey and New York or that the playwright was mad as hell and wasn't going to take it anymore. Because of its gay theme or the language, or both, it was banned in Georgia. No problem in Berkeley, of course.

The title comes from a mantra a therapist gave Sam Truman to alleviate teeth-grashing at night. It's worth chanting as well by playgoers watching *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*.

Posthumous premiere for Leplin piece

■ The composer's son nervously reviews a premiere delayed 32 years.

By Rocky Leplin

It would be nice if this reviewer were able to say that his father's Woodwind Quintet, performed on Oct. 23 as part of the Trinity Chamber Concerts by the Horizon Woodwind Quintet, was an instant success.

Chamber music

In a program of pieces by six composers, five with some connection to the Bay Area, Emanuel Leplin's quintet of 1962 was by far the most complex, the most dissonant, and, to use clarinetist Terry Jackson's term, the densest, on the program. So difficult was the quintet to assimilate on first hearing that I thought I might as well give it more hearings, which was possible thanks to a tape recording of the concert.

All but one of the program's composers were selected for some connection to the Bay Area. Luigi Zaninelli's connection was the most tenuous: he dedicated his *Dance Variations* of 1959 to Herb Fawcett and his wife. Fawcett is a bassoonist, and a dentist in Concord.

Roger Nixon was professor of music at S.F. State until his retirement in 1985. Howard Brubeck, brother of Dave and uncle of Matthew, studied with Darius Milhaud at Mills.

Leplin studied with Milhaud in France, while on a Prix de Paris from the U.C. music department. Later, he was a violist in the San

Francisco Symphony, a conductor, painter and composer of symphonies for large orchestras.

The only composer with no Bay Area connection was Eugen Suchon, three movements of whose neoclassical *Serenade* got the concert off to a perky start.

After being simply and gracefully stated by solo flute, Zaninelli's Theme, in the first half of the following Duet, fell somewhere in the no man's land between ensemble and syncopation, as the bassoon played catch-up with the oboe. (It is remarkable how easily repeated exposure to a performance reveals flaws.) The second half of the Duet was fine.

I'm not sure how the title of the Waltz applies. The meters are so irregular that after counting beats for five minutes I realized I might as well just throw dice.

The March was the smoothest section both in ensemble and sonority. The title of the section again is suspect. Anyone trying to march to it would disgrace the very idea of armed service.

Though well performed, for having been written in 1966, Nixon's *Four Duos for Flute and Clarinet* started with an unpretentious, relatively tonal serenade, continued with an unpretentious, relatively tonal martial tune, followed by a slightly mournful boating song suggesting that the oarsperson was coping with seaweed.

The finale, an allegro, was up-tempo but not especially upbeat. I have tried to think of a void these duos have filled, but come up empty.

Following were Milhaud's 12 short pieces, *L'Album de Mme. Bovary* (1950), transcribed from

the piano score by Ross Taylor. These were a far cry from the spicy sophistication of his poly-tonal, try-anything-once works that shocked the bourgeoisie in the '20s and '30s. As craftsmanship and art, they were like a rocking chair: something structurally sound that helps you fall asleep.

The execution was pleasing, but the pieces were no challenge. By the testimony of the musicians, the challenge loomed ahead.

Once the diversity has been reckoned with, you can relax, and the music does the driving.

Having heard my father's quintet three times now, I am happy to report that my initial fears are gone. They were, that high pitches injected into a first movement otherwise containing many nice themes were done so willy-nilly, adding needless frenzy; that the second movement wandered, groping aimlessly, resolution beyond its grasp; that the third movement was not just atonal but chaotically so.

These were among my first impressions, but I was uniquely qualified to put them into perspective, being one of the two or three people familiar with Leplin's harmonic language and frequently mercurial thematic development, in which new twists and turns can spring up like class four

rapids.

Upon acclimatization, the leaps of the first movement turned into exclamation points within accelerated rhythms vividly contrasting with lyrical passages that preceded and followed them. They are also integral to a carefully organized movement with an appealing main and second subject that recapitulate. (The movement was originally stand-alone, and called "Classical Overture.")

The slow movement contains few points of rest, but rather than evoking irresolution, its steady stream of melodic and harmonic invention becomes compelling.

Enhanced exposure to movement three determined natural harmonic relationships throughout, and while new ideas appear as thick as thieves, they crop up with an inevitability that sounds like Leplin couldn't have stopped them even if his pencil broke. Once the diversity has been reckoned with, you can relax, and the music does the driving.

Horizon's execution contained a wobble or two in each of the first two movements. The third, which sounded hardest to play, came off as effortless. This piece was hard, but they met the challenge with a zesty, perspicacious performance.

The last work was *Six Pieces for Woodwind Quintet* (1978) by Brubeck. They were tonal, intelligent, uncomplicated, and instantly attractive. Not as good, though, as his "Dialogues for Jazz Combo and Orchestra," the finest such collaboration ever written.

Horizon consists of Nancy Knop, flute; Nancy Snyder, oboe; Terry Jackson, clarinet; Jim Reiter, bassoon; Dave Lyons, horn.

East Bay Events continued



Synthia Saint James has written and illustrated 'The Gifts of Kwanzaa.' Saint James' work is displayed at Samuel's Gallery at Jack London Village (No. 221), corner of Alice and Embarcadero at the Oakland waterfront. She'll sign her works Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 452-2059 for more details.

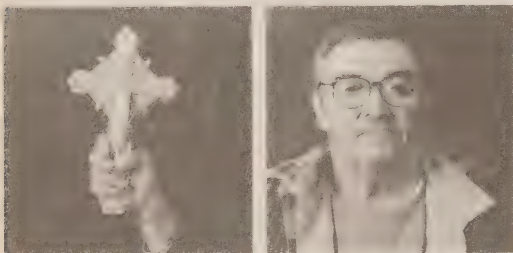
University Chorus sings Haydn

Marika Kuzma conducts the University Chorus in works of Joseph Haydn—his *Theresa Mass* and Symphony No. 48 ("Maria Theresa"). The performances are at 8 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday at Hertz Hall on the UC-Berkeley campus. Tickets are \$6. Call 642-9988 for reservations. Prof. Daniel Hertz will deliver a pre-concert talk at 7:30 p.m.

Philharmonia Baroque plays Haydn

Nicholas McGegan leads his Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in performances of three Haydn symphonies—Nos. 6, 7 and 8. The three works are dubbed Morning, Afternoon and Evening. Also on the program is Josef Kraus' *Symphony in C Minor*.

The performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way (at Dana) in Berkeley. Tickets are \$20 to \$29. Call (415) 392-4400 for reservations or more details.



Jan C. Watten's 'Guillermo' (from her series *Aspects of Identity*) is one of the works in the exhibit 'Two Photographers: Robert Jew and Jan C. Watten' at the Landes Gallery through Nov. 20. The gallery (formerly in Berkeley) is at 2912 Ford St., Oakland. Its hours are 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 534-7996 for details.

East Bay Heritage Quilters hold a sale

The East Bay Heritage Quilters is holding a holiday boutique Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. (near San Pablo and Solano avenues), Albany. Admission is free; the public is welcome.

Tibetan lamas dance for world healing

Nine lamas from Drepung Loseling Monastery in Tibet will perform sacred music and dances "for world healing" Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. \$15 for performance; \$30 for performance and reception. Call (415) 454-2717 if you need more details.

Chamber Ballet dances for its birthday

The Alameda Chamber Ballet Company is celebrating its fifth anniversary. The company was founded in 1989 by Victoria Turner. This weekend's program is titled "En Pointe" and features works by Kathy Maya and McGarry Caven and two works by Turner herself. Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at 1402 Park St., Alameda. Tickets are \$10 (\$7 children). Call 935-4789 for reservations or more details.



Kirsty Brown, left, Carolyn Garcia and Melissa Hickey of the Alameda Chamber Ballet



Annette Bening and Warren Beatty play—well, themselves, in 'Love Affair.'

'Love Affair': Beatty is no Cary Grant

A pretty movie about pretty people doesn't quite convince in 1994.

By Renata Pelt

A few days ago, I rented *An Affair to Remember*, a classic 1957 weeper starring Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr which I'd somehow missed seeing. I wanted to check out one of the ancestors of Glen Gordon Caron's *Love Affair* (the other is a 1939 Charles Boyer-Irene Dunne film, also called *Love Affair*).

Movies

Watching that 1957 movie, I wondered how anyone could possibly remake it in 1994: Surely no contemporary film would duplicate the shipboard romance, the swelling strings, the self-abnegation on which the final plot turn pivots, the wise, ancient grandmother whose example of fidelity inspires the protagonists.

I was right. They changed the grandmother to an aunt and spiced up her dialogue.

In almost every other way *Love Affair*, starring Warren Beatty and real-life wife Annette Bening,

is just as sappy and implausible—call it "romantic"—as the 1957 version.

Okay, there are a few changes. Instead of being simply an international playboy, like Cary Grant's character, Beatty's Mike Gambriel is an ex-football-hero-turned-TV-personality with a reputation as a ladies' man. Not even the most casual browser in the gossip columns can fail to note the resemblance to Beatty himself—poke, poke, snicker, snicker.

Bening, pert and perky, plays sometime decorator, sometime backup singer Terry McKay. Unfortunately, writer Robert Towne forgot to give her any personality.

To preserve the shipboard angle is a bit of a trick: after all, who takes ships any more, aside from seniors cruising to Alaska? So—although Beatty is perfectly eligible for membership in AARP—the two start out on a plane to Sydney which crashes, the passengers then being picked up on a ship cruising the South Seas.

I liked the jolly scenes set on the vodka-fueled Russian ship, complete with Soviet Realism-type murals plus Paul Mazursky

and Brenda Vaccaro as obnoxious fans of Mike's.

Terry is leery of Mike's advances—they're both engaged to others—until they take a side trip to visit Mike's Aunt Ginny (Katharine Hepburn), who lives on one of the neighboring islands.

Aunt Ginny is intuitive ("Are you happy?") and earthy: Her riff on the mating habits of various animals is meant to be funny and pointed but ends up being just embarrassing.

When the cruise-ship idyll with its tangerine-flake sunsets comes to its inevitable end, Mike and Terry resolve to return to their respective fiancées, but if they still feel the same about each other in three months, they'll meet at the top of the Empire State Building.

What ensues follows the 1957 film almost shot for shot and line for line. Is it heart-warming to observe saintly selflessness alive and well in 1994? Only if you buy the notion, as put forth in *Love Affair*.

Sorry, but I don't. Nor some other ideas: that a sports hero would find himself suddenly unemployed, that a dilettante would get work teaching music to

kids.

The film ends with "Anything can happen, can't it?" I guess 37 years' experience has made me about statements like that.

Love Affair is a pretty about pretty people (in the time credits, like composer Morricone and costume Milena Canonero), but Beatty doesn't cut it as a sissie romantic hero.

Cary Grant, on the hand...

Berkeley chorus seeks singers for 'Messiah'

Thousands of music lovers in the Bay Area celebrate the holidays (and the genius of George Frederick Handel) by taking part in sing-along performances of *Messiah*. The Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra lets you take the next logical step—to rehearse the piece beforehand.

The BCC is a first-rate choral group that lets all participate who attend rehearsals and put their hearts into it. Five rehearsals will be held before the performance—with orchestra and soloists—on Dec. 17.

The rehearsals are Tuesdays Nov. 22 and 29 and Dec. 6 and 13, with a final rehearsal on Friday, Dec. 16. Rehearsals are at St. Mark's Church on Bancroft Way.

Tuition is \$40, with scholarships available. For more details, call 525-5393.

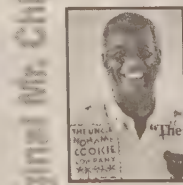
Oakland Ballet's 'Romeo' Nov. 10-13

Oakland Ballet will give four performances next week of *Romeo and Juliet*, choreographed by its artistic director, Ron Guidi, and set to the Prokofiev score. The production premiered in October 1993 and was hailed by

the *San Francisco Chronicle* as "easily the strongest full-length evening of dance in Oakland Ballet's 28-year history."

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Letters

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The building is contingent upon election results. I hope this clears the confusion expressed by Mr. Shirar. I am sure that no Albany resident will be required to vote on Measure B through the passage of Measure A. I am convinced the purchase of the Hill Lumber property and the construction of a new middle school will best serve the present and future Albany students.

Dale Hudson, Superintendent
Albany Unified School District

Locked supporter

As a Contra Costa County voter to vote Yes on Measure B, I have only chance to have libraries in our local communities that are up-to-date and open for longer, reasonable hours and that are supportive of our educational system. As a resident and frequent library user in the county, I've been shocked at the decline in our library resources and open access. As a professor for over 20 years at the University of California, I've been dismayed by the weakening of study skills and research abilities of each generation of students. Libraries are the essential backbone of any educational system and of a vital, informed democracy. We can't afford to let our libraries fade away. Measure B is a modest request to pay for so much to gain to all of us.

Rudolf Schmid
Kensington

Agenda questioned

It is now evident why the Brodsky campaign had to spend \$18,000 to our \$3,500 to keep myself and Bill Lewis off the City Council in 1992, and the same amount again to get Mast and the agenda all along was not waterfront park and open space. It was card rooms and, soon, sports betting. This is, in fact, what Ladbroke does in England in a big way. The Sierra Club and Citizens for an Albany Shoreline — "environmentalists" — lied all along about my beliefs, but were right about one thing — they could never have allowed me to go along with this card room development, and would have been vocal about it!

Deirdre Wallace
Sutter Creek, Calif.
Property Owner, Albany

Voter outrage

Editor:

I am writing to speak out as a parent, homeowner, and concerned Albany citizen about my outrage at Measure F. I see no winners in this: every single penny of Measure F revenue is going to come from somebody's losses — or, more exactly, from those crumbs of somebody's loss that are left over after Ladbroke rakes in the pot. Is this really how we want to fund our civic responsibilities?

We are being asked to buy into a permanent dependency on a morally bankrupt and potentially corrupt source of funding, and we must do this, we are told, because we need to spend more than we have, and because it "is not feasible" to attract other revenue sources. Well, whatever happened to those campaign promises of our elected leaders who "understand business" and know how to attract it to our area?

I say, let us live within our means. Albany is a wonderful small community, with small houses, a small budget, wonderful schools, and I say, why not keep it that way? Any bureaucracy that we create will surely find a way to spend every dime. Do we really want, or need, bigger and bigger city budgets? If our current budget "crisis" is \$85 per site, to use the doom-sayers' arithmetic, then I say OK, I don't much like it, but here is my share.

I urge all of my fellow residents to give Measure F the long, hard look it deserves before we vote on Nov. 8. This deal looks like a bitter pill for the legacy of our beautiful town, and I plan to vote No.

Charles Lane
Albany

Long standing tradition

Editor:

Gosh, folks, it seems just like yesterday that we had sanctioned gambling for years, run in one of our schools by students' parents, the Albany Athletic Boosters! Yup ... right here in the heart of River City with its small-town values ... and it started with "B" and ended in "O" and it spelled Bingo!

And all those "outsiders" came into Albany every Saturday night and paid money to gamble in a smoke-filled "casino" with bright lights, packing the multi-purpose room of Albany Middle School with a few hundred people.

Yes, folks, parents made money off the backs of the unwashed masses in order to buy exercise equipment and uniforms for their children and marked them with the Scarlet

Letter (A for Albany High School) ... and no one batted an eye. And the games would still be running if it weren't for the competition of a permanent seven-day-a-week Bingo operation in Berkeley on San Pablo and Gilman.

But a card room at Golden Gate Fields must be a different story ... or is it?

Mike Goldman
Albany

Weak appeal

Editor:

The good people of Albany are being misled by their naïveté. A large corporation's bottom line is inherently in conflict with the common good. Ladbroke's appeal to our weakest elements (fear of economic disaster, gambling addiction) should set off an alarm in the thoughtful part of all of us.

The front-page article in last Thursday's paper seemed to imply that those with money (Ladbroke) implicitly get their way. I hope this is not always true in our country. Let's aim higher.

One practical suggestion: If each of the 10,228 households (according to the Albany Chamber of Commerce) pays \$59 per year, we could easily avoid the \$600,000 budget deficit. That's \$4.91 per month to keep additional gambling, additional traffic and environmental degradation away. Maybe in time we can even solve this creatively. Please vote No on Measure F.

Nora Nausbaum
Bill Douglass
Albany

Free access defended

Editor:

Governor Wilson's chopping off funds from the counties so libraries could no longer be open full-time to contribute to alleviating the illiteracy already dangerously high in this country, and the education of students and people of all ages, is tantamount to Hitler's burning of the books in Germany over 50 years ago.

Without our citizens having free access to books and self-education through libraries, we could soon become a nation of puppets, and lose our rights to a democratic form of government.

Measure B to assess Contra Costa County's property owners \$15 per year for 15 years will provide a lifeline to our libraries, to the County Literacy program, and to the education of all people in or out of school.

As a county, we cannot afford to be without our free libraries.

Protecting them is well worth 15 dollars a year. Let's all support Measure B to save their much-needed services.

Norma Grijalva
El Cerrito

Growing trend

Editor:

Though I think a growing national trend to finance municipal and other units of government through legalized gambling establishments is not a desirable answer to their deficit problems, I nevertheless intend to vote for Albany's Proposition F this month for compelling personal economic reasons.

As a retired, home-owning senior living on a pension and some Social Security, I am in a poor position to face the rising taxes that Albany will have to impose soon without the "tainted" money it might obtain from the proposed card room. My just-received Alameda County property tax statement for 1994-95 contains a 49 percent increase over last year! Most of this is not from property tax but from assessments and other fees, and most have specifically to do with Albany.

Young, upward mobiles who can anticipate greater future earnings may feel willing to accept higher taxes to avoid the putative evils of a card room. Retired lower middle-class septuagenarians like myself can not look forward to promotions and significant pay raises; rather, we expect continued efforts in Congress to cut and delay our COLA's, reduce our health benefits, further tax our Social Security, and find other ways to lower our standard of living. These are real possibilities.

Adding new parcel taxes and special assessments in lieu of Proposition F to retain Albany's present level of services will be a hardship for me and many other seniors.

Albany has shored up its budget with money from gambling for years. Since a few of the proposition's opponents take a high moral position on the issue, I can't resist pointing out that their persistently calling the card room a "casino" in their literature is deliberately dishonest and confusing. Casinos are illegal in California by state law.

Theodor B. Yerke
Albany

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OUT and ABOUT

By Frosene Phillips

The popularity of the coffee house has been booming for some time now. Any time a new shopping area pops up, one can expect another chain establishment to be represented in the coffee arena. Long a European tradition, coffee has found its home here in the form of lattes, espressos, cappuccinos, mochas and more. It's just a matter of time before the drive through cafes appear around the Bay Area. Frankly, I'm surprised the idea hasn't been adopted sooner.

In the meantime, the latest entrepreneurial spirit has arrived in the hills of Oakland at 5772 Thornhill Dr. Albuquerque Connection presents coffee that is roasted from none other than (you guessed it) Albuquerque, New Mexico. A family business and labor of love, Albuquerque Connection's proprietors include mom Jan Davidson, son/artist Ross, daughter Jill and son Jack (the Albuquerque resident and consultant).

The former real estate office now offers the ambience of New Mexico. Completely renovating the space themselves, the Davidsons hope to include tamales down the road. Now, however, you will find coffee, teas, pastries, gift items and a warm welcome. Albuquerque Connection is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8 a.m. on the weekends. Located in a quaint secluded area, the short drive from Montclair is a warm spot for a coffee break.

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MUSICAL NOTES: Pianist Kazuko Cleary will present a program of Beethoven, Chopin and Japanese composer Rentaro Taki, Sunday, at the Maybeck Recital Hall in Berkeley...Elsina's Via Veneto has undergone a musical change and will now present Elsin's Nubian nights on Sundays and jazz on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The restaurant and club is now closed on Monday...In a dancing mood? Head over to the Terrace Bar at the Claremont Hotel Saturday night. Night Beat appears from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. performing danceable favorites.

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WEEKEND SCENE: Guru's Jazzmatazz at Kimball's East...Orquesta Peru Friday and Tito Garcia Saturday at Kimball's Carnival... Opera Night with Charmagne Belle and Professor Lino Rivera Saturday at the Courtyard...Frank Biner and His Soul Patrol in the Sports Edition Bar at the Oakland Airport Hilton...The Chris Cobb Band Friday and The Vipers Saturday at the Baltic...Jermaine & Terra and Gary Newman at the Fat Lady.

Benny Green Trio at Yoshi's Nitespot... Eddie Pasternak and Roger Glenn Sunday at Crogan's Walnut Creek...Jim Brown at Scott's...Fredrico Cervantes at the Overland House... Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment...Terrell Prude and Joyce Diamond with Yancey Taylor Quartet Friday and Joyce Diamond with Yancey Taylor Quartet Saturday at Elsin's Via Veneto.

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Albany ballot measures

MEASURE A:

Shall the purposes of the school bond measure passed by voters of the Albany Unified School District on March 2, 1993, be modified, with no increase in the amount of the bonds which may be issued, to permit the purchase of real property and the construction of public school facilities thereon?

MEASURE E:

Shall the Charter of the County of Alameda be amended to provide that the Probation Officer be appointed by a majority of the judges of the Superior Court to serve at their pleasure, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, from a list of names nominated by the Juvenile Justice Commission from a list of names nominated by a committee comprised of an equal number of members chosen by the Commission, the Court, and the Board?

County counsel's impartial analysis:

Measure E proposes to amend section 18 of the County Charter which relates to the appointment of the Probation Officer.

Section 18 currently provides that the Juvenile Court Judge appoints the Probation Officer on nomination by the Juvenile Justice Commission from a list of persons certified by the Civil Service Commission following a civil service examination. Under this provision, the Civil Service Commission certifies the names of the candidates having the five highest passing scores. The Juvenile Justice Commission may nominate for the appointment as many of the certified candidates as it chooses, and the Juvenile Court Judge makes the appointment from the candidate(s) certified by the Juvenile Justice Commission. The person appointed Probation Officer is covered by the County's civil service system and may gain job tenure upon completion of a probationary period which is currently one year.

If Measure E is approved by a majority vote, section 18 would be amended to provide that the candidates for the office of Probation Officer will be screened and rated by a committee comprised of an equal number of members chosen by the Juvenile Justice Commission, the Superior Court, and the County Board of Supervisors. This committee must nominate at least five candidates for the office. The names of at least three of these nominated candidates must then be forwarded by the Juvenile Justice Commission to the Superior Court. A majority of the judges of the Superior Court, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, appoints the Probation

Officer from the candidates nominated by the Juvenile Justice Commission. The Probation Officer so appointed will not gain job tenure and will instead serve at the pleasure of a majority of the judges of the Superior Court.

Because Measure E, if approved, will apply only to Probation Officers taking office on or after January 1, 1995, the incumbent Probation Officer will not be affected by it.

MEASURE F:

Shall Ordinance 94-011, a gaming ordinance, zoning modification and Development Agreement, as printed in the Voter Pamphlet, be enacted to allow and regulate card room gaming at Golden Gate Fields, at which controlled games permitted by law, such as draw poker, low ball poker and Panguingue (PAN) are played, in order to provide revenue for the City of Albany, create jobs, provide for an Albany Bay Trail, and allow Albany waterfront access?

El Cerrito ballot measures

MEASURE B:

"Shall the County of Contra Costa restore, maintain and enhance library services within the Contra Costa County Library Service Area by the imposition of a modest tax on property located in the County Library service Area (1) not to exceed \$15.00 per year for a single family residential parcel and (2) somewhat higher amounts on multi-family, commercial and industrial parcels by adopting Ordinance 94-55 of the Board of Supervisors?"

County counsel's impartial analysis:

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County has approved Ordinance No. 94-55 which will provide authorization for annual special tax assessments to restore, maintain and enhance library services within the Contra Costa County Library Service Area, if approved by 2/3 of those voting on this ordinance measure. The County Library Service Area includes all of Contra Costa County except the City of Richmond.

The Ordinance requires that the proceeds of these annual assessments be used solely for the purposes set forth above. Article XIII A of the California Constitution requires that any such new local agency charge be approved by 2/3 of those voting on the proposal. The ordinance also requires that a portion of the annual tax levy be allocated and spent for library services as agreed between the Contra Costa County Mayor's Conference and the County's

Board of Supervisors.

The tax assessments authorized by this measure are not based upon the value of property. The assessments, if approved by voters, will be levied on a parcel and use of property basis, with a specific tax per parcels/use of property set by the ordinance and with the amount of the tax levied in constant dollars. Constant dollars mean that each year the tax may be increased by an amount reflecting the increase in the Consumer Price Index during the prior year. Except for allowed Consumer Price Index increases, the maximum amount which could be levied under this ordinance for a single family residential parcel would be \$15 with slightly higher total charges allowed for multi-family complex, commercial and industrial parcels.

Insofar as feasible, any charges levied would be collected and administered in the same manner as secure roll ad valorem property taxes.

MEASURE C:

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

"Should the County-wide Action Plan to prevent violence be endorsed and; should a county-wide effort be conducted to build upon an coordinate existing violence prevention activities involving all city, county and school jurisdictions, leading to the expansion of violence prevention efforts in Contra Costa County?"

Synopsis of Measure C:

Support of this advisory measure is an endorsement of "Preventing Violence In Contra Costa County: A Countywide Action Plan." The Countywide Action Plan is a blueprint for coordinating and expanding existing violence prevention activities involving communities and city, county and school jurisdictions.

The Action Plan contains 25 recommendations for reducing and preventing violence in Contra Costa County. These recommendations deal with six themes: Safe Homes, Safe Schools, Safe Neighborhoods, Safe Workplaces, Government Service, and Policy Initiatives.

Our nation currently spends an estimated \$13.5 billion annually for medical care for the victims of violence. The average cost of treating a child wounded by gun fire would provide a student with a year of college education.

Violence is a learned behavior and therefore preventable. The Countywide Action Plan is formulated with the premise that a solution requires attention not just to the outcomes of violent injury, but to the symptoms and, ultimately, to the prevention of violence. Because violence is a complex

issue, the Action Plan recommends the systematic integration of community, private, and public entities in the development of solutions.

This blueprint recommends a broad array of alternatives, including: Youth mentorships and jobs, Conflict resolution; Crisis response counseling to victims and witnesses of violence; Training health care providers to deal more effectively with domestic violence; and Expanding educational, recreational and cultural alternatives to violence.

MEASURE D:

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

"Should Contra Costa County support state legislation to initiate a sur-YES r charge on ammunition, gun sales, and firearms licenses to fund firearm safety education and violence prevention programs, especially those involving youth?"

Synopsis of Measure D:

Support of this measure encourages the Board of Supervisors and all local cities to support state legislation to attach a surcharge to all ammunition sales, gun sales, and firearm licenses purchased statewide. It stipulates that monies collected from these sales should be used exclusively to fund firearm education and violence prevention programs, especially those involving youth.

Recognizing that violence is a costly and complex problem affecting the lives of many Contra Costa residents; is a learned behavior and is therefore preventable; and that worthwhile solutions are emerging throughout the country, state and nation, this initiative provides a funding mechanism to support the expansion of violence prevention efforts. It indicates the priority this county places on developing funding strategies to help prevent violence.

MEASURE P:

ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

"Shall the State of California strictly regulate the sale and possession of all handguns and ban the sale, manufacture, transportation and possession of all assault weapons?"

MEASURE F:

Shall the El Cerrito Redevelopment Plan be amended as provided for in Ordinance No. 94-4 to permit the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency to continue to undertake redevelopment

ment activities?

City attorney's analysis:

California law allows redevelopment agencies to provide financial assistance when the agency determines it is necessary for project development. The purpose of Ordinance No. 94-4 is to amend the El Cerrito Redevelopment Plan to assure that the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency retains this power. If adopted, Ordinance No. 94-4 will permit the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency to continue to provide financial assistance for those projects the Agency determines best meet City needs and objectives. If Ordinance No. 94-4 is not adopted, the Agency will be unable to provide financial assistance, despite the merits of a proposed project. The Agency will continue to exist principally to receive tax increment to repay outstanding indebtedness.

The premise behind redevelopment is that certain city areas require public agency assistance in order to eliminate blight. As the assessed property values in the redevelopment area increase, so do property taxes. California law provides that these increased property taxes be paid to the redevelopment agency so it can pay back its incurred indebtedness. This method of repayment, called tax increment financing, was approved by California voters in 1952.

The El Cerrito City Council serves as the City's Redevelopment Agency. The redevelopment area consists of the commercial corridor along San Pablo Avenue, east to the BART rail

line, including both BART and the El Cerrito Plaza. The Council, as Redevelopment Agency, approve all requests for public assistance. Redevelopment agencies are subject to the same review planning staff and Commission any other project.

The funds for the financial assistance of redevelopment projects obtained primarily through taxes secured through the agreement to which the agency is entitled. Bond issues required by the Redevelopment Agency City Council.

California law provides that neither the City nor its taxpayers responsible for repayment of bonds or other financial commitments assumed by redevelopment. There is no financial impact on the City since all bond costs are of tax increment. Moreover, the redevelopment agency may use property taxes or levy fees.

The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency has assisted in the development of 462 housing units, 12,000 square feet of office commercial space. This includes Norte Place and Target. Among the Agency, these projects have been financially infeasible without financial assistance from the

The Agency's ability to provide financial assistance expired November 28, 1992. The Agency present ability to incur debt for the redevelopment plan is

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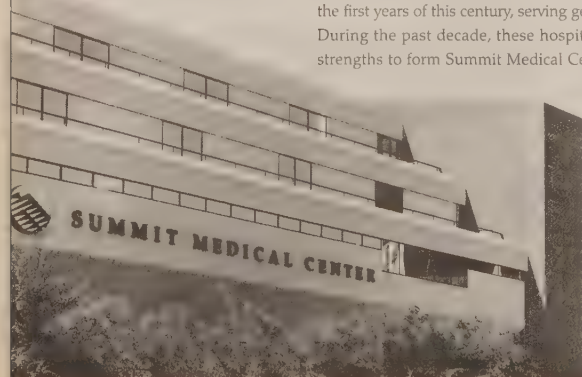
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Repairs to aging roof are only stopgap

The question is, to recover or replace?

Bonnie Headlee

Recurring roof leaks are often a sign of an aging roof that needs replacement. If your roof is over 20 years old, any repairs are temporary, at best. Troublesome leaks cause rot to the framing system as well as damage to the insulation, drywall, paint, and your personal property.

At some point, you'll need to replace your roof to preserve the structural integrity of your home and protect your belongings.

When installing a new roof you have two options: you may either replace or recover the old roof.

The main advantage to recovering is price. Generally, it will cost less to recover than to replace because of the additional labor involved with removing, flashing, and disposing of the old roof.

Depending on the pitch of the roof and the number of old layers that need to be removed, costs range from 25 to 50 percent more for replacement. Although many local building codes will allow one or three layers of roofing, roofing contractors warn that covering an old roof has a number of disadvantages.

It's almost always better to replace a roof," says George Acker and Guerrero Roofing Company in Oakland. Since many all homes being reroofed are 20 to 30 years old, there are usually areas in need of structural repair.

The framing or sheathing may be undetected dry rot caused by age or excessive condensation.



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tion. Completely removing the old roof exposes the wood sheathing so damaged areas can be thoroughly inspected and either repaired or replaced.

If you choose to recover the old roof instead, you'll hide these structural problems temporarily, but they'll fester until they become major defects. In addition, the weight of multiple layers of roofing may cause damaged rafters and other framing members to sag or fracture.

Whether you replace or recover your roof, the flashing will also need to be carefully inspected.

"Generally, we can reuse some of the more expensive flashing,"

says Charlie Beck of Beck Roofing, a Hayward-based company. "But the smaller flashings we automatically replace to avoid problems down the road."

If your roof is wood shingle, the condition of the first layer should be carefully considered. Constant exposure to heat and cold over the years causes shingles to swell and cup. A good roofing contractor will prepare the current top layer before recovering it.

The labor dollars you think you'll save by recovering instead of replacing may be eaten up in part by the additional preparation

that's needed to properly prepare your old roof. If the roofing contractor doesn't prepare it properly, the new layer of shingles may be exposed to moisture and premature aging problems. You'll end up with a roof that won't last as long as it might otherwise.

Even if the old wood shingle roof is properly prepared and the new layer is properly installed, after a couple of years the new roof will invariably begin to reflect the surface irregularities of the layer below.

Beck says, "We try to smooth the old roof as much as we can."

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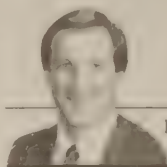
East Bay association will serve needs of commercial Realtors

A major paradigm shift has occurred in organized real estate. For decades, Realtor associations were granted exclusive geographic territories by the National Association of Realtors. All Realtors with an office in a given territory had to join the local association. Since some 80 percent of all real estate professionals are engaged in residential sales, there has long been difficulty in recruiting non-residential members: those engaged in commercial sales, leasing, development, appraisal and consulting.

With the formation of the East Bay Commercial Association of Realtors (EBCAR), set to begin operation in January, 1995, all that will have changed. The new commercial association will serve as an "overlay association," providing services and products to Realtors throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties, an area which presently has seven Realtor associations serving primarily residential specialists.

In researching the mission and purpose of EBCAR, I interviewed several longtime supporters of a commercial association. Certain themes emerge for the service package the Association will offer to members. There are four areas of focus for the first year: Education, Professional Standards, Marketing and Membership.

One of the key objections to recruitment of commercial practitioners in the former Realtor association structure was the lack of advanced professional education for commercial specialists. Most courses in commercial/investment real estate were introductory or transitional — how to convert from a residential practice to the commercial business. EBCAR



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will offer advanced courses which fulfill Department of Real Estate requirements for commercial practitioners.

Professional Standards enforcement has been a major obstacle to gaining wide acceptance of Realtor membership by the major commercial brokerages. These brokers simply weren't comfortable submitting to a dispute resolution system for complicated commercial leases or investment deals where the panelists were primarily residential professionals. EBCAR will have only commercial practitioners on such panels, rendering this objection groundless and boosting Realtor membership by the major commercial firms.

Few real estate licensees could disagree that the marketing techniques and cooperation pioneered by the residential brokerage community have served the consumer well. Broad exposure and more cooperation will be just as good for investors and users of commercial properties as for the homebuying public. The new commercial association will focus on improving the efficiency of our marketing and service to our clientele.

Doing all these things won't come free. If commercial practitioners don't support EBCAR with their dues dollars and volunteer

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Winans, Wolf win design awards

The San Francisco/Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry presented the third annual NARI Awards at the Showplace Design Center. Corrie Anders, staff writer for the San Francisco Examiner, presented the awards at a dinner meeting on Oct. 12.

The judges for the 1994 competition were Iris Harrell, a Menlo Park contractor and member of the San Jose NARI chapter; John Kenyon, an architectural writer and critic; George Kiskaddon, co-owner of Builder's Booksources in Berkeley and San Francisco; Kirk Peterson, an Oakland architect; and Peter Whiteley, senior writer at Sunset Magazine.

Marketing entries were judged by Lisa Stockwell, the former publisher of Home Owner's Resource, a member of the SF/Bay Area NARI chapter.

Among local winners were Berkeley residents Nina and Paul Winans of Winans Construction who took first place in the Residential Exterior category for the exterior remodel of a 1926 stucco residence. Architectural details from several similar houses on the street were picked up and included during the exterior upgrade.

Winans Construction took another first place in the category of Residential Kitchen Remodel, for the updating of a 1924 Mediterranean Revival home. Design elements from the rest of the house were incorporated in the kitchen: textured plaster walls, hand-crafted tiles and cast-iron hinges and knobs on the cabinets.

Winans Construction's reorganization of the bathroom of the same home won them first place in the Residential Bath category. The new plan provides a suite of spaces with a separate toilet compartment, shower area and main dressing area with a counter, two lavatories and built-in linen storage cabinet.

Winans Construction won first place in the Marketing category for their Neighborhood Reply

Card, a self-mailer with a detachable return postcard, used to inform residents that the company will be working in their area.

Berkeley's Robert Wolf (R.A.W. Concepts Architecture and Design) took first place in the Residential Exterior Design category for an addition to a one-bedroom upstairs apartment in a Berkeley Craftsman home. A modern home office with French doors leading onto a deck and cathedral ceiling with skylights was created by popping out a large gable along one side of the roof line.

The Grand Award for best of show, as well as first place in the

Entire House Remodel category went to architect Bruce Bonacker of Bonacker Associates, and general contractor Michael Hamman of Michael Hamman Construction, for their conversion of a pair of San Francisco flats.

The Chapter also honored two members who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to the chapter.

Chapter president Paul Winans received the NARI Professionalism Award, and Marilyn Thureau, president of Summiters Radiant Heat, Inc., was chosen Supplier of the Year. For a free copy of the NARI directory or a referral to a member, call (800) 998-NARI.

Roof

Continued from previous page but there's only so much we can do. We discourage people who want to overlay wood shingle. They're almost always disappointed with how the new layer looks."

The attractive appearance and aesthetic value of your new roof quickly disappears as the wood shingle conforms to the layer below. This can result in a loss of perceived value if you decide to sell your home.

Will you really save money by not tearing off the old roof? At best, you may be postponing the payment until your home needs another roof. By then, the added cost of one more layer to remove (including labor, hauling, and disposal) will be even greater.

Regardless of whether you decide to replace or recover, your roof is a significant investment and there are a number of things to consider when you talk to roofing contractors:

- Roofing can be a dangerous job. Make sure your contractor has workers' compensation insurance to cover any employees that may be injured on your property. You may also require your contractor to have general liability insurance to cover any damage to your property.

Ask that certificates of insurance be sent to you directly from the contractor's insurance company so you'll be notified if the policy lapses for any reason.

- Accept the fact that even the most careful roofing contractor will probably cause some minor landscape damage. To minimize damage to your lawn, plants and flower beds, your contractor may

use plastic tarps or plywood coverings.

Ask your contractor in advance how he plans to protect your landscaping.

- Warranties may be different for recovered roofs than for total roof replacements. Make sure your written contract states the warranties offered on the materials by the roofing manufacturer, and on the workmanship by your contractor.

- Debris bins, plywood sheathing, and roofing materials require a fair amount of on-site storage space. Arrange with your contractor for these items to be stored in an area that's both convenient and safe.

- Remember that price is only one factor in choosing a roofing contractor. You should beware of any contractor whose bid is significantly lower than the others. He may be working without insurance, or he may have to cut corners on your job to make a profit.

Since each situation is different, choose your roofing contractor based on his past experience, his professionalism, his responsiveness, and his ability to easily communicate with you. This combination of skills will result in a more positive overall experience, as well as a roof that will last for many years.

Bonnie Headlee is Executive Director of The Trades Guild, a free East Bay referral service for locating architects, contractors, engineers, and interior designers. For a free booklet on "Hints for Hiring a Tradesperson" call 547-3337, C 1994 The Trades Guild.

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Continued from previous page time, the association will close the same year it opens. Since many commercial real estate professionals aren't accustomed to supporting a Realtor association, one of the major activities next year will be recruitment of a solid membership base to build the association for the future.

For more information about the East Bay Commercial Association of Realtors, contact me at this newspaper, c/o Real Estate Editor, or call EBCAR's Chief Executive Officer, Jerry DuBois, at 836-3000. The real estate business is undergoing tremendous evolutionary changes. With major structural improvements like the formation of commercial overlay associations, Realtors have a chance to remain the dominant force in organized real estate well into the 21st century.

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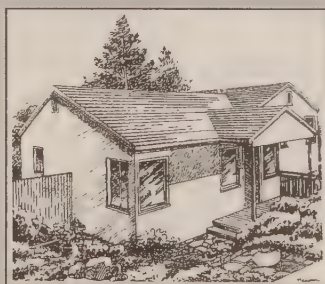
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Off Tiffin in Berkeley. Brown shingle style. Hardwood; very private and quiet.		
3534 Wilson Avenue.....	2BR, 2BA.....	\$199,000
Upgrades galore. Cul-de-sac. Stunning gardens. Seller has bought another.		
1327 Carleton Street, Berkeley.....	3BR, 1BA.....	\$194,000
Reduced again, completely redone. Immediate occupancy. Huge garage; full basement & more.		

BY APPOINTMENT

PRESTIGIOUS CLAREMONT PINES.....	\$945,000	REDWOOD HEIGHTS BEAUTY.....	\$289,000
Quality new construction, cul-de-sac w/golf course view. 4BR, 3BA, lg fam rm, 3 tpic, 3 car gar. Lux master ste, level yard. HELEN NICHOLAS		Seller must sacrifice spacious traditional. Bay view, large yard. 3BR, 2BA. HARRIET SCHOEN	
NEW ELEGANT TRADITIONAL.....	\$725,000	CONTRACTOR'S DELIGHT.....	\$249,000
Claremont Pines best street! Spacious gracious design on perfect level lot. 4BR, 3BA! RACHEL BALLER		Not for the faint of heart. Lots of potential - needs lots of work. SUE WILLIAMS	
CUSTOM RIDGEMONT.....	\$639,000	OLD WORLD CHARM AWAITS YOU.....	\$239,000
5BR, 3BA, 1/2 acre s/f front gate. High ceilings, wonderful home for family & entertaining. 1700 sq ft deck. MARTHA SHIN		Laurel 3BR, 1 1/2BA with balcony to bay view. Family room w/ bar opens to patio and gardens. JIAN NEFF	
SKYLINE.....	\$596,000	TRULY EXCEPTIONAL - REDUCED!.....	\$234,000
Great family home on over one acre, pool, zoned for horses. 5BR, 3+BA. HELEN BUTY		Upper Laurel beauty. 3BR, rumpus room, lovely bay view, stunning remodeled kitchen. Private yard. CAROL COHEN	
PIEDMONT - PERFECT MASTER APT.....	\$595,000	BAY VIEWS! BIG REDUCTION!!.....	\$227,500
A fabulous, tasteful 3+BR, 2BA home. Lovely outdoor living area. Level views, income from 4 2BR units. D.C. HODGES		Redwood Heights area. 3BR, 2BA on 1 level. Updated family style kitchen. Lots of storage. CAROL COHEN	
REDUCED - DISTINCTIVE SPANISH.....	\$549,000	PRICE REDUCED!.....	\$222,000
Many quality details, ideal for entertaining & family, cul-de-sac, 5BR, 3 1/2BA, view, sauna, au-pair qtrs. MARTHA SHIN		Redwood Heights sweetie! Owner wants an offer on the meticulously maintained 2BR home. LYN MURRAY	
CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....	\$399,000	REDWOOD HEIGHTS TUDOR.....	\$215,000
New listing! Fine 4BR family home with rumpus room. Walk to school, SF bus, shops. LYN MURRAY		Fabulous bay views, spa, decks, extra storage. 4BR/3BA w/ family room. JEFF HILGERT	
SOPHISTICATION AND STYLE.....	\$395,000	UPPER FRUITVALE.....	\$209,000
Sequoiah Hts at Country Club gates. 4BR, 3BA, decorator perfect Parklike setting/huge lot. JAN NEFF		Exceptional brown shingle, park setting, 3BR, 2BA, huge living room, hardwood, quiet/private. HAL CASTLE	
AHWAHNEE-STYLE REDWOOD.....	\$379,000	ANXIOUS OWNER! REDUCED!.....	\$180,000
Montclair. Tahoe-like retreat on almost 3/4 acre with year-round creek. 2+BR, 2BA, granite tpic. JUDY FARRELL		Temescal 3BR Queen Anne Victorian. Walk to BART & shops. Beautiful garden & separate studio. LYN MURRAY	
MONTCLAIR OLD WORLD TUDOR.....	\$359,000	LAUREL CHARMER.....	\$183,000
Authentic detail, family room with 2nd fireplace, artist's studio. Walk to Village. STEVEN BIASATTI		For the 1st time buyer. Sunny 2BR, 1BA bungalow. Remodeled kitchen. Formal dining, fireplace. VICKIE CHAN CASE	
... YOU CAN SEE FOREVER!.....	\$349,000	REDUCED! GREAT VALUE.....	\$155,000
Oakmore's prestige & sensational city/bay/bridge view! Sophisticated 4BR, 4 1/2+BA. Garden. HELEN NICHOLAS		Maxwell Park Mediterranean. 2BR, many fine features! Gorgeous garden. Attached garage. LYN MURRAY	
MONTCLAIR 5 YR OLD CONTEMP.....	\$339,000	UPPER MAXWELL PARK.....	\$147,500
Quiet, woody Thornhill area. 3BR/2.5BA, FDR, family room, 2 car garage. Must see! JEFF HILGERT		3BR, bay window. Hardwood, fireplace, dining, garage, not yard/patio, renewed interior. HAL CASTLE	
SECLUDED + REMODELED = LOVE!.....	\$329,000	MOVE RIGHT IN!.....	\$139,000
Montclair. Designer chose top quality for new kitchens & baths. 17,400 sq ft lot. 2BR, 2BA. HELEN NICHOLAS		Buyer backed out but sellers want to move out of this area! 2BR with cook's kitchen +-+. ANIDA WEYL	
CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....	\$285,000	3 BEDROOM OAKLAND HOME.....	\$110,000
Southwestern flair added to this 3BR traditional on quiet street. Level-out yard, large basement. LYN MURRAY		All serious offers will be considered. Close before Christmas! Large level yard; close to transportation. JEFF HILGERT	
SERENE WOODED SETTING.....	\$269,000	PRICE SLASHED!.....	\$92,500
Skyline address - Piedmont Pines, level yard, custom charming ranch. Across from Redwood Regional Park. MARTHA SHIN		Charm, charm, charm in cozy 2BR located at edge of new Chinatown. ANIDA WEYL	

CONDOS

NEW ROSSMORE ALTERNATIVE.....	\$219,500	ECLECTIC EMERYVILLE!!!.....	\$140,000
At Trastle Glen/Lakeshore! Walk everywhere from quasi-rural setting! Large 2/2, den, perfect! D.C. HODGES		3 bedroom townhouse lovingly maintained in Emery Bay! Minutes to all conveniences. CAROL COHEN	
LIKE OWNING YOUR OWN HOME.....	\$179,500	TOP FLOOR PRIVACY!.....	\$139,500
Adams Pt. 3BR/2BA on its own floor. Very stylish & light. Walk to Lake Merritt, etc! LYN MURRAY		Rockridge view unit in small modern bldg, opposite Claremont Country Club. Fireplace too! STEVEN BIASATTI	
REDUCED!! LUXURY PENTHOUSE.....	\$175,000	TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF VIEWS!.....	\$130,500
Piedmont Ave. 2 level living, 2 master suites. Gourmet kitchen with eating area and pantry. CAROL COHEN		From several full-security hi-rise luxury 2/2 lake side units - 1,500 sq. ft. plus. Roof garden! D.C. HODGES	
COZY & CHARMING TOWNHOUSE.....			\$109,000
Piedmont Ave. area. 2BR, 1BA, fireplace, hardwoods, built-in buffet. Private laundry! 4 unit bldg. HELEN NICHOLAS			

LOTS

QUAINT VICTORIAN + \$34,000.....	\$300,000+/-	NEARLY 1/4 ACRE DOWNSLOPE.....	\$95,000
Historic Ivy Hill area "money machine". Collect rents while decorating 2-story treasure! D.C. HODGES		North of Hiller. Good building pad site and level yard potential. Area rapidly developing. LYN MURRAY	
LOCATION-LOCATION-VIEW!.....	\$139,000	ANXIOUS OWNER!.....	\$90,000
Claremont. Great Bay/Mt. Tam view. Prime neighborhood. Entrance both sides. Seller may carry. CARIN CAROE		Nearly flat lot on Tunnel Rd. Easy access to Hwy 24/Berkeley. Rapidly rebuilding area. LYN MURRAY	
95 VICENTE-WOW-SOLD-CLOSED.....			\$390,000
Just listed 2 more. Some with plans, permits. Upslope, downslope, level. Many to choose from. ED LINDORFER			

INCOME

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP - WOW!.....	\$495,000	LEVEL-IN MASTER WITH VIEWS.....	\$475,000
Live-in or enjoy as proud investment! 5 2BR, dining, garages, super rents & tenants! D.C. HODGES		Ridgmont Hills pristine 4-unit garden complex. Huge 3 1/2 car 2 1/2's. Adjacent complex also available. D.C. HODGES	
USE FOR COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL.....			\$157,000
Immaculate, vacant. Use for office and/or residential. 2BR/1BA. Living, dining, kitchen, yard. ED LINDORFER			

Wealth of community services helps seniors stay in Berkeley

Mary B. Moorhead

This is part one of a two-part article on the network of Older Adult Services in the City of Berkeley.

She is healthy and vibrant with a stylish haircut and a ready smile. She is 91 years old and happily responding to questions as she runs the reception desk at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

She does this job because she likes to challenge herself and this, along with 45 minutes of daily exercise, is, she says, what keeps her going. Her favorite activities are The Books and Ideas Club and a creative writing class led by other volunteers.

Life was not always this way. There was a time when she suffered the losses of friends and family, and life had little meaning.

But this is a woman who has taken charge of her life and aging and not given up. The North Ber-

keley Senior Center helps her stay that way.

More than bingo

As we speak amid the hustle and bustle of seniors going to activities or waiting for a ride to use donated tickets for the Berkeley Rep, Virginia Leonard, another senior, stops to speak.

She lives in The Berkshire, a retirement residence which takes care of her meals and transportation, and attends the senior center for stimulation and socialization. She runs the bingo activities but quickly reminds me that the center is "more than bingo."

Clare Gilalian, senior assistant, points out the variety of classes — French, Russian, Mandarin and sign language for beginners; several types of martial arts and yoga; ceramics, chess.

Health care assistance includes free eye examinations by UC-Berkeley optometrists. And politically active seniors can participate in the California Congress of Seniors

and influence legislators in Sacramento.

Jerry Taylor, a Berkeley resident who attends the center, feels Berkeley is a good city for seniors. She cites aspects that draw all ages: the resources at UC-Berkeley, cultural and intellectual activities, the weather, and the beauty of the region. She likes the range of senior services and the regional choices for medical care.

Taylor achieved an almost total recovery from a stroke, thanks to immediate assistance from Berkeley's 911, and medical and rehabilitative care from Kaiser hospital and Easter Seals.

Health and nutrition

According to the Alameda County Office on Aging, Berkeley has over 17,000 citizens over the age of 55.

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Seniors participate in the general exercise class at the South Berkeley Senior Center.



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FIRST TIME OPEN OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 123 WILDWOOD - Piedmont - New listing! Inviting traditional with wonderful ambience. Sunny & bright. 3BD, 2BA, nice deck, patio, yard area. Bonus rm too. 1 car garage. RUBY NG\$439,000
- 176 SANTA ROSA - Rose Garden - New listing! Extraordinary trad. w/special ambience. 4BD, 2.5BA, library/den. Sunny retreat rm off master BD. Great kit. E-Z access to freeway. ADRIANA GIACOMELLI\$318,000
- 3807 38TH AVENUE - Cozy Laurel starter - Sunny & bright 2BD, 1BA bungalow. Nice backyard with patio. Has new lawn. Neat as a pin! NANCY WELK\$131,000

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 9377 SKYLINE BLVD.....OAKLAND.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$499,500.....NORM ROBINOW
- 12 STAR VIEW.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 3BA.....\$459,000.....OLLIE HAMMER
- 6216 ESTATES.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD, 3.5BA.....\$449,900.....JUDY RANKANKAN
- 11 HAWKS HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$425,000.....OLLIE HAMMER
- 539 FLORENCE.....ROCKRIDGE.....3BD, 3BA.....\$425,000.....JUDY MAHER
- 4927 STONERIDGE CT.....RIDGEMONT.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$359,000.....SHERRY BENNINGER
- 2642 BURDECK.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 3BA.....\$349,500.....KAY GRUBB
- 19 BINNACLE HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....2BD, 2BA.....\$349,500.....PAT WHITTINGSLOW
- 403 HILLER DRIVE.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$339,000.....OLLIE HAMMER
- 401 HILLER DRIVE.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$328,500.....OLLIE HAMMER
- 475 HUDSON.....ROCKRIDGE.....3+BD, 1.5BA.....\$319,000.....DONNA DEBARDI
- 666 WALAVISTA.....CROCKER HIGHLAND.....3+BD, 1BA.....\$297,500.....PHYLLIS MILENBACH
- 5918 MARDEN LN.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 2BA.....\$283,000.....DELL M. ORR
- 3357 SHAFTER AVE.....ROCKRIDGE.....2BD.....\$279,000.....DONNA DEBARDI
- 2575 EL CAMINITO.....PIEDMONT PINES.....2BD, 1BA.....\$239,500.....DIAN HYMER
- 6141 MAURITANIA.....MILLS COLLEGE.....2BD, 1BA.....\$145,000.....NANCY WELK
- 5427 RUTH AVENUE.....MAXWELL PARK.....2+BD, 1BA.....\$139,000.....STACY WINNETT
- 350 PERKINS #102.....OAKLAND.....1BD, 1BA.....\$ 79,900.....DONNA RANSELM

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OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

NEW CONSTRUCTION.....\$609,000
With bay view. 4 BD, 2.5BA, large rec rm, 2 frps, formal dining rm w/built-ins. Master suite, garden rm entry porch, paver floor. Above Claremont Hotel. Nancy Dickey

PIEDMONT - CAPE COD.....\$595,000
Large fml rms, sunny kitchen level out to yard. Separate studio + bath perfect for home office. George Karsant

STATELY ENGLISH.....\$559,000
Spacious elegant 4+ bedroom home with superb architectural details. On large, private corner lot. Dian Hymer

SEQUOYAH BEAUTY.....\$475,000
4000 sq ft, Medic, carefully maintained. Curb appeal, huge LR & BA, speaks easy bar. 4BD/3BA. Judy Maher

PIEDMONT CHARMER.....\$459,000
Sunny New England salt box cottage. 3+BD, 2.5BA, formal dining room, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen & level yard. Just listed! Darcy Diamantine

OAKMORE ENGLISH TRADITIONAL.....\$399,000
Large formal rooms with hardwood floors, sunny kitchen & family room. Level yard. 3BD, 3BA. George Karsant

GLENVIEW.....\$369,000
Fabulous shingle duplex. Large units, wooded view, extra space & storage. Adrienne Broche

HILLER HIGHLANDS.....\$343,000
New construction w/partial view. 3BD, 2.5BA, light w/spacious feeling. Can choose your colors. Ollie Hammer

SHARP CONTEMPORARY.....\$339,000
Fixed side of Montclair. 3BD, 2BA, high ceilings, oversized decks & lots of light. Valley view. George Karsant

WALK TO MONTCLAIR VILLAGE.....\$330,000
Very sharp contemporary ranch with 4 bedrooms, and 3 baths. Two spacious decks with hot tub, formal dining and rec room. Nancy Dickey

SMASHING NEW CONSTRUCTION.....\$329,000
Contemporary home w/open floor plan. 3BD, 2.5BA, vaulted wood beamed ceilings, hardwood floors & lush berber carpeting. Sherry Benninger

CANYON VISTAS.....\$329,000
Light & airy 3BD, 2.5BA, contemp. Spacious & sunny with patio, decks & garage. Donna DeBardi

MAJOR REDUCTION!.....\$299,900
Curb appeal. Shaded by majestic tree. Texas sized rooms. Convenient location. See to believe! 3+ bedrooms, 2+ baths. Ruby Ng

SERENE WOODED SETTING.....\$295,000
Privacy with a hot tub in back yard! 2 master suites. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Judy Rankankan

MONTCLAIR.....\$289,000
Unique contemp. nestled in the woods yet close to Montclair Village. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, huge living room - new carpet and paint, free standing fireplace & updated kitchen. Adrienne Broche

STATELY VICTORIAN.....\$259,000
Turn of the century Victorian near Alameda's famed Gold Coast. Currently used as a duplex. Fritz Hochfellner

HEART OF MONTCLAIR.....\$255,000
Walk to many conveniences. Well kept 3BD, 2BA. Level out to rear patio, 2 car garage. George Karsant

SOUTH OF CAMPUS.....\$229,000
Excellent location. Lots of space for the money. 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths, fenced yard & deck. Donna DeBardi

SPACIOUS BUNGALOW.....\$208,500
Convenient Rose Garden area. Lovely hardwood floors, formal dining room and updated kitchen & bath. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Darcy Diamantine

BERKELEY.....\$169,000
Victorian charmer, flower garden with fruit trees. Detached plus room, 3BD, 2BA. Victor Fierro

ELEGANT CONDO.....\$143,000
Gorgeous ground floor condo with 3 patios. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace and laundry. Decorated and upgraded perfectly. Fritz Hochfellner

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4



**LEOLA HALL
ELMWOOD BROWN
SHINGLE.....\$279,000**
Nestled in the trees, this upgraded craftsman beauty has 3BR, 1.5BA, a study, formal dining and hardwood floors. Includes new foundation, kitchen & baths. Walk to College Ave. shops and restaurants. 2632 COLLEGE AVE.

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4



RARE ALBANY 4 BEDROOM.....\$349,500
REDUCED! Sunny & bright brown shingle, completely updated w/skylights, beautiful kitchen, baths & master suite. Walk to schools, shops & transportation. 946 TAYLOR.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 50 LATHAM LANE.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$285,000.....DIANA KAY
- 2632 COLLEGE.....BERKELEY.....3BR/1.5BA.....\$325,000.....HEIDI LONG
- 1600 CURTIS.....BERKELEY.....2+BR/1BA.....\$209,000.....MARA ESTRADA
- 960 EUCLID.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2BA.....\$349,000.....JOHN SEFTON
- 654 BELOIT.....KENSINGTON.....3BR/2BA.....\$325,000.....NANCY REICHERT
- 946 TAYLOR.....ALBANY.....4BR/2BA.....\$349,500.....KIM CLEVELAND
- 832 POLK.....ALBANY.....2+BR/1BA.....\$242,000.....HENRY CHANG
- 249 BEHRENS.....EL CERRITO.....2+BR/1BA.....\$229,000.....MELISSA LYCKBERG
- 5204 PINOLE VALLEY.....EL SOBRANTE.....3BR/2BA.....\$122,500.....KAREN DANRICH
- 395 ADAMS.....OAKLAND.....4BR/1.5BA.....\$209,000.....JERRY LONG

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

**GRAND SCALE BERKELEY
BROWN SHINGLE.....\$695,000**
JUST LISTED! Magical throughout with original detailing intact. Beautiful 3BR/1+BA main house with views, formal dining room, hardwood floors, with downstairs 1BR/1BA in-law. Wonderful rear garden with enchanting 1BR/1BA cottage plus detached office. One of a kind North Berkeley property.

FULL OF LIGHT AND BAY VIEWS.....\$425,000
MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! Architecturally stunning home in the Berkeley hills, designed by Clark, built by Tondre. Knock-out views, elegant details, gleaming hwd floors, serene shaded patio with fountain & views. 3BR, 2BA & formal dining.

NORTH BERKELEY SWEETHEART.....\$329,000
Walk to the gourmet ghetto from this 3BR, 2BA contemporary with large living and dining rooms plus a large deck and a family room! Great for entertaining.

**NATURE LOVERS
RETREAT IN KENSINGTON.....\$325,000**
JUST LISTED! Huge decks with huge panoramic views of Tilden Park, super private and quiet. 3 BR/2BA with a detached studio on .37 acre double lot. You will have to have this property!

EL CERRITO HILLS.....\$309,000
North bay views from your living room, dining room and expansive deck! Solid quality, solid value high in the El Cerrito hills w/4BR/3BA, 2 fireplaces, flexible floor plan, plus convenient location close to Kensington border.

BAY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM.....\$309,000
MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! Dramatic Berkeley hills contemp w/floor to ceiling glass in living room. 3BR, 2BA, new hwd & tile floors, updated kitchen & secluded patio.

OAKLAND/BERKELEY LOTS

CLAREMONT CANYON LOTS W/PLANS.....\$195,000
REDUCED \$50,000! Two buildable lots with Engineering Report and Surveyors Map available, as well as plans for a beautiful 4,000 square foot home with views. Owner may carry.

BAY VIEWS FROM BERKELEY.....\$99,000
REDUCED \$16,000! Downslope lot in the Claremont area with great bay views and southern exposure.

BERKELEY HILLS JEWEL.....\$285,000
JUST LISTED! High in the Berkeley hills, this darling 2BR home is full of sunlight and will charm your socks off! Formal dining, hardwood floors, French doors from kitchen open to a very private, quiet patio.

BERKELEY NEAR UC.....\$275,000
3+BR/2BA home near UC needs work, and the Seller needs an offer!

HIGH ON ALBANY HILL.....\$242,000
JUST LISTED! Enjoy a fine view of the East Bay hills from living and dining rooms! 2+BR with large master, plus downstairs room. Private backyard with wisteria arbor.

A REAL GEM IN EL CERRITO.....\$219,000
JUST LISTED! This sun-filled El Cerrito home glows! Move-in condition with updated kitchen, formal dining, fireplace, random plank floors plus large backyard with playroom/family room.

FAMILY SPACE IN EL CERRITO.....\$219,000
Immaculate 3BR/2BA home with formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, fabulous basement workshop, new roof and furnace, plus lovely garden.

**OAKLAND CRAFTSMAN
COSMETIC FIXER.....\$209,000**
JUST LISTED! Two story craftsman with 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, formal dining plus large yard. This is a great opportunity to create your dream house!

BERKELEY VICTORIAN FARMHOUSE.....\$209,000
Darling farmhouse w/French doors to sunny deck, 2BR, hwd floors, fireplace, plus a detached studio office area.

BEST OF OLD AND NEW.....\$179,000
Lovely 3BR, 2BA home on the Berkeley/Oakland border. Leaded glass, dark wood cabinets, remodeled kitchen, master BR plus large deck. Incredible value!

PRESTIGE LOT FOR SPECTAC. HOME.....\$87,000
Bay and hill vistas from this large level building pad at the top of a knoll. Owner will carry.

IN THE CLAREMONT.....\$80,000
Upslope lot in top area surrounded by 2 new upscale homes.

BAY VIEW AND READY TO BUILD.....\$75,000
REDUCED \$25,000! Above Hiller Highlands, downslope lot with SF & bay views. Previous site of 5 year old home with plans, engineering & soils report.

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Wheels roll once you take the plunge



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Number 75 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

The minute you tell your agent you are ready to make an offer to buy a particular house, she will be in a hurry. It might surprise you, particularly if you've spent days calmly wondering together about that house.

Can we live with the kitchen as it is now until we have the money to update it? Will we be comfortable with what it will cost us to live there?

During that wondering time, you and your agent (and probably your friends and family) have talked a lot. Your agent has listened to your misgivings and your excitement. You've discussed the cost of linoleum and stoves, and have gone over loan numbers and taxes again.

She's been fairly laid back. She hasn't urged you along. She knows it is always a mistake to convince a person to buy. But now that you've decided, she is in a hurry. She doesn't want you to risk losing it.

It can happen — it does happen — that even a house that's been on the market for months suddenly appeals to more than one buyer. After all you've been through to get to this place, it would be a shame to lose out just because the paperwork wasn't completed in time. Your agent knows that until you and the seller agree in writing, the house is still available for others to buy.

"Can we get together this afternoon to write the offer?" your agent asks. "If you can't get off work, can we meet at 5? Or I could fax you the offer. I will need a check from you, but we could talk now about what the offer will have in it. I'll write it up, fax it, and you can drop off a check tonight. Meanwhile I'll let the listing agent know we are writing an offer."

This little flurry of intensity suddenly makes you wonder, "Am

But now that you've decided, she is in a hurry. She doesn't want you to risk losing it.

I doing the right thing? Do I really want this house?"

This is precisely the right moment to be wondering these things and to put them to rest. Before the offer is written, before it is accepted by the seller, you should be sure of your intentions. Turning back later because you are scared is going to be hard on everyone (and may have legal ramifications).

"But if something is really wrong with the house — if the foundation is bad, for instance — I can still get out of the contract, can't I?" you ask.

Your agent tells you again about your contingencies, your "outs" if things do not turn out as well as can be predicted now.

She says again, "You need to want to do this. We've already talked about the house being old. There are things wrong with it. We know that the electricity has not been updated and that there is asbestos on the furnace ducts. We also know some good news. There is a new roof, it doesn't need painting, and it's the only house we've found so far that truly appeals to you."

So you get together with the agent, go over the lengthy contract, and you ask questions until you understand exactly what you are signing.

You agree to decide later how you'll take title and whether you will buy earthquake insurance. You are feeling good. "When will we know?" you ask.

In answer, your agent calls the seller's agent and says, "Our offer is signed. When can I present to the seller?" An appointment is made for that evening or the next day, probably at the agent's office or at the seller's house. Both agents meet with the seller, but you are not there.

"Presentation" is the term agents use, and it is apt. Your agent will present you and your offer to the seller. She describes who you are, how much money you are putting down, why you like the house, how long it will

take for you to do your inspections, get your loan approval, and transfer title.

It is her job to show you and your offer in the best possible light and to answer the questions that the seller and the seller's agent may have, to convince the seller of your integrity and good intentions — to get the seller to agree to sell to you.

Frequently there is a counter offer, the seller saying in writing, "This offer is acceptable to me with these exceptions. If you agree to them, we have a deal."

Often the seller wants a day or night to think it over. When you write your offer you specify in the contract how long your offer is good — frequently one to three days, perhaps longer if the seller lives out of town.

Your agent calls you. "Congratulations! The seller accepted your offer as written!" she says. Or, "The seller wants \$5,000 more but is willing to include the washer and dryer."

If the seller has changed anything in the contract, you can now make your own counter offer, or you can sign that you accept the changes, or you can walk away.

Once you and the seller are fully in agreement, you have both signed, and the contract has been delivered to each of you, you are "in contract." You will begin working to remove your contingencies.

Inspection dates will be made. If you have not already completed your loan application, you will do that now. The loan process will start rolling along, the appraisal scheduled.

Unless something untoward occurs in the next 30 days or so, something that cannot be negotiated successfully between you and the seller, your days of home ownership will soon begin.

It can be a rocky ride — hurry up, wait, decisions to be made. Worry and elation. But people do it every day and they live through it. They move in, they unpack, and get happily on with their lives.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are licensed agents and real estate consultants.

To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarpoff & Talbert Ltd., at 653-2050.

George and Margaret Gadsby, owners of Gadsby & Associates Real Estate, announce the 11th in a series of workshops for first-time homebuyers on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

There is no charge for the workshop session at Gadsby & Associ-

ates' Alameda office, 1500 Blanding Ave. Refreshments will be served. As seating is limited, call 748-5300 to reserve a seat.

Participants will include: can Title Co., Cal Bay and Gadsby real estate agents.

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OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

PIEDMONT CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY \$1,179,500
Understated elegance with fabulous South Bay views and soaring ceilings! No expense spared. Secluded garden, perfect for entertaining. Must see to appreciate!
IRENE PETTIS 428-0900

ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE! \$995,000
This new Piedmont listing offers a spacious, open floor plan with level living. Enjoy views of the pool & garden throughout! 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath with extra spaces!
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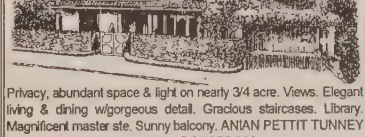
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By Don and Dave Runyan

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The chest shown here was built from pine, but oak or another type of wood can be substituted. Although this one was finished to a medium walnut shade, do-it-yourselfers may prefer to use a lighter or darker stain. Other materials for the chest include molding, hinges, handles, nails and glue.

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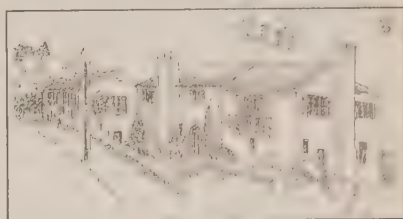
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Seniors

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The North Berkeley Senior Center is one example of the diverse services the City of Berkeley offers this culturally diverse population, enabling many of them to "age in place" and be actively involved in their community.

There are senior centers in North, West, and South Berkeley, as well as the New Light Senior Center in the South Berkeley YMCA. Additionally, there is the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, and Japanese-American Services of the East Bay.

To complement these programs, there is public health assistance: Berkeley offers in-home bathing for seniors, the only program of its kind in the region; for home-bound seniors, there is a friendly visitor service and the "Are You O.K.?" program which make daily calls to seniors living alone.

I spoke with Effie Burgess, senior programs administrator in Berkeley's Department of Health and Human Services who oversees Berkeley's nutrition programs and senior centers.

The nutrition program provides meals for senior centers, home-bound seniors and two adult day-care centers. It is a tri-city contract with the Alameda County Office on Aging, serving Albany and Emeryville as well.

The meals are cooked in the North and South Berkeley centers, and during the month of August, 13,034 meals were served. The originating funds for these meals are the Federal Older Americans Act, and there is reimbursement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well. Seniors over 60 are asked to donate \$1.50 a meal if they are able.

Centers turn 12

Burgess says the three city-run senior centers were built 12 years ago when the city and its citizens came together to apply for HUD funding. Currently, the centers re-



Virginia Leonard enjoys the comforts of home at The Berkshire, a retirement residence on Sacramento Street.

ceive some city funds to support their small staffs and the assistants, who provide outreach to seniors in neighborhood markets and door-to-door. The centers cater to the ethnic and cultural needs of the surrounding geographical area. Seniors may attend neighborhood or centers across town.

Since one-third of the seniors attending the West Berkeley Senior Center are Spanish-speaking, there is a Spanish-speaking outreach worker and Spanish language flyers to attract visitors. The attendees are mostly from the Ocean View neighborhood. As in the other centers, West Berkeley has an advisory board made up of community members. One of their tasks is to choose interesting trips.

South Berkeley provides two programs to support its seniors. The South Berkeley Senior Cen-

ter is a two-story, attractive building with ample room for its many programs. There are classes in general exercise and tai chi, card-playing, dominos and pool.

Assistance with PG&E is also available.

New Light

The New Light Senior Center was started 19 years ago with assistance from City Councilperson Maudelle Shirek. It was started with Federal Community Development Block grants and continues to use this source of funding.

This center is outside the Health and Human Services program.

Housed in the South Berkeley YMCA, seniors enjoy the company of other age groups and youth-oriented programs.

According to Chip Haight, the center's director, New Light is

known for its exceptional cooking using fresh produce from the farmer's market and whole non-processed meats for both in-house and delivered meals.

Seniors have been known to travel as a group across town to New Light for lunch. The center has its own kitchen and the meals go from oven to table and are served "family style."

New Light also publishes a newsletter of pertinent information for seniors including recent changes in Medicare, Medi-Cal, QMBY and Social Security.

Jewish Community Center

The Older Adults Program at the Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center is an innovative program which cultivates the talents of seniors and celebrates Jewish culture. Special to this pro-

gram, coordinated by Nancy Castle, is a twice-weekly kosher lunch program and classes in Yiddish folk chorus and Yiddish folk players.

Van rides from senior residential centers enable interested adults to participate in the JCC program. The program shares a large building with programs that promote Jewish continuity for all ages including an early childhood center and a summer camp.

Also housed in the JCC building is the Community Cares Service Bank, administered by Olga Madden, a Vista worker, and operated under the umbrella of the Albany Berkeley Independent Elders Network. Its goal is "reconstituting neighborliness and community" by organizing a personal service sharing bank.

The currency of the bank is measured in hours of personal service. For example, someone donates an hour of garden work and receives in exchange an hour of pet care or shopping.

Japanese services

Japanese-American Services of the East Bay, or JASEB, further rounds out Berkeley's diverse complement of senior programs. JASEB was formed in 1986 to provide services to Issei (first generation of Japanese-Americans), who were denied access to service because of language and cultural barriers.

JASEB has a senior center and serves ethnic hot lunches; access services such as information, advocacy and translation; social services such as telephone reassurance, friendly visitors and in-home care-giving. There are two shared housing arrangements which provide homes for frail seniors.

Mary B. Moorhead, M.S., MFCC, is a family therapist and aging specialist who provides counseling, consultation and geriatric care planning with elders and their families. She can be reached at 525-4341.

Grubb & Ellis posts profits third quarter

Grubb & Ellis Company reported pre-tax income of \$54,000 and net income of \$5,000 for the third quarter 1994.

The third quarter 1994 compares favorably to a loss of \$538,000 and a net loss of \$638,000 in gross revenues of \$50.9 million for the third quarter of 1993.

Excluding those which, at the end of the year, had been closed or were expected to close, third quarter 1994 revenue increased 7.3 percent over comparable third quarter revenues of \$43.9 million.

Third quarter pre-tax income of \$54,000 included a non-recurring adjustment of \$519,000 for special charges and unusual items recorded in the prior year.

The Oakland office of Grubb & Ellis reported a 51 percent increase in revenue for the first three months of 1994 compared to the same period last year.

The third quarter profit for the first time since 1989, the company has reported a consecutive profitable quarter.

Historically, the company's weakest quarter is the first quarter, and the last quarter is the strongest. This trend is expected to continue this year.

Year to date, the company reported a net loss of \$3 million, or \$1.18 per common share, compared to a net loss of \$4.8 million, or \$1.61 per common share, for the same period in 1993.

The company recorded a quarter loss of \$0.02 per share, taking into effect the dividends of \$0.02 per share and the conversion of junior preferred stock for the quarter.

If converted, the preference will be exchanged for common stock and accrued dividends no longer be payable.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

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- 5981 GIRVIN DR, Piedmont Pines 4+3, "Work Of Art" Better Homes, D.C. Hodges 339-8400 **\$1,000,000**
- 6632 LIGGETT, Pied Side, 2 Legal Homes On Gated 1/2 Acre Lot Owner, 339-0687 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5 **\$859,000**
- 6035 ESTATES DR, Quality Nw Barbara Armstrong Constr, 4/3 1/2 The GRUBB Co., Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 **\$789,000**
- 5410 FERNHOFF RD, Skyline 4/3+, Stunning Kitchen, Over 1 Acre Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460 **\$749,000**
- 5424 GOLDEN GATE, Rockridge 4/2+, Brand Nw Trad Style, View Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460 **\$629,000**
- 5874 MARGARIDO, Upr Rockridge 4/3+, Monterey Colonial, Pool Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460 **\$619,000**
- 5958 BUENA VISTA, Big Reduction! Rockridge New 5/3 1/2, View Mason McDuffie, E. Barber 339-9290/ 869-4204 **\$569,000**
- 1872 BRENTWOOD, Oakmore 4/3 Brick Tudor, Delicious! Mason McDuffie, Steve Everhart 339-8888 **\$559,000**
- 5944 MILES AVE, Rockridge, Stunning 4 Yr Old Contemporary Tempton Co., Karin McPhail-Geist 848-0870 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$550,000**
- 930 AQUARIUS WY, Medit Retreat, 3/2 1/2, Detchd Studio Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 033488 **\$549,000**
- 6638 LONGWALK, Nw Constr, Red'd \$32K, Lg 4/3 1/2, 3 Frpks Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 032428 **\$517,000**
- 9377 SKYLINE BLVD, 3 Yr Old 3/2 1/2 Contemp, Lg Kit, Fm Rm, Fpcc \$499,500 Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174 **\$499,500**
- 5800 WESTOVER, Reduced! Nw Constr, 3,000 sf Of Elegance Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774 MLS 025116 **\$499,000**
- 5232 PROCTOR, Upr Rockridge 4/2+ Nw Trad, Fam Rm, Vw, Yard Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460 **\$498,000**
- 12 STAR VIEW, Hiller Hglds Twnhse, 3/3 Spectacular Contemp Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174 **\$459,000**
- 13754 CAMPUS DR, Ridgemont 4/3, Fam Rm Off Kit, Lvl Yard Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460 **\$459,000**
- 8 TAURUS AVE, Montclair 2+2, Nw Constr, Cul-de-sac, Bay View Pacific Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460 **\$450,000**
- 6216 ESTATES, Pied Side Montclair, Custom 4/3 1/2, 2 Fam Rms Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankankan 339-1174 **\$449,900**
- 14 SONIA ST, Upr Rockridge 4/3+, Grt Value, Updates, Yard Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460 **\$449,500**
- 6329 RIDGEMONT RD, Reduced! Pano Vws, 4/3, Cul-de-sac Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 530-8412 MLS 034344 **\$449,000**
- 50 BOWLES PL, Upr Crocker Highlands, Enchanting Tudor, 3+2 The GRUBB Co., Judy Cain 339-0400 **\$449,000**
- 6444 PINEHAVEN RD, 3+3 Exciting Home-Serene W/ Studio Mason McDuffie, Sheila Sabine 428-0900/ 273-9412 **\$449,000**
- 1909 OAKCREST, Outstanding 3/2 1/2 Hm, Sunny, Spacious, Lvl Yd Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-8400 **\$449,000**
- 6363 WESTOVER, \$50K Reduction! Nw Constr 3/2 1/2, Atrium Entry Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256 MLS 030096 **\$449,000**
- 11 HAWKS HILL, Hiller Hglds 3/2 1/2, Must See! View, More! Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174 **\$425,000**
- 539 FLORENCE, Pretty Design, 3/3, Rumpus, Patio, Terraced Grdn Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174 **\$425,000**

- 5958 GLENARMS DR, Montclair 3/2 Newer Custom Home Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 **\$425,000**
- 25 MASONIC PL, Upr Rockridge 4/2, Lvl Living On Cul-de-sac Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460 **\$399,950**
- 1705 MANZANITA DR, Montclair 3/2+, 4 Yr Old Custom, Privacy Pacific Union, Nancy Donnelly 339-6460 **\$389,000**
- 2841 CHELSEA DR, Priced To Sell! Newer Contemp- Blt 1986, 4/2 1/2 \$369,000 The GRUBB Co., Debra Dryden 339-0400 **\$369,000**
- 1785 INDIAN WY, Montclair Updated 3/2, Charm, Quality! Mason McDuffie, N. Chew 339-8787/ 869-4209 **\$369,000**
- 721 CALMAR, 1909 Trad Beauty, 4+bd, Modern Kitchen, Lg Lot Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 033379 **\$365,000**
- 6708 LIGGETT DR, Montclair Charming 3/2 1/2, Lovely Bkyd, Rmpus Points Realty, 531-1700 **\$359,000**
- 4927 STONERIDGE CT, Ridgemont 3/2 1/2, Mstr Ste, Fam Rm Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174 **\$359,000**
- 268 SOMERSET RD, Montclair 4/2, Lvl-in, Updated Kit, Vws Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 **\$359,000**
- 2962 BURDECK, Custom Dsgnd Contemp, @ 1/3 Acre, 3/3, Rmpus Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174 **\$349,500**
- 19 BINNACLE HILL, Hiller Hglds 2 1/2 Twnhse, Terrific Views Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingloss 339-1174 **\$349,500**
- 3344 BUTTERS DR, Montclair South! 3/2 1/2, Tahoe Setting Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400 **\$349,000**
- 6920 BRISTOL, Nw Home! Open Flr Plan, Fam Rm/ Kitchen, Value! Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 635-9103 **\$349,000**
- 643 HILLGATE CIRCLE, Haddon Hill, Gracious, Stately 5/2 1/2 Trad Mason McDuffie, Mac 339-8888 **\$349,000**
- 2320 LEIMERT BLVD, Upper Oakmore Charming 3+2 1/2 Trad, Vws Better Homes, Martha Shin 339-8400 **\$349,000**
- 4926 STONERIDGE CT, Reduced! Ridgemont 3/2+, Sweeping Vws Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460 **\$349,000**
- 403 HILLER DR, Upgraded Twnhse, Granite Countertops, Mstr Ste Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174 **\$339,000**
- 3063 JOAQUIN MILLER, J. Miller Charming 3/2 1/2 Trad, View Mason McDuffie, S. Ho 339-8787/ 869-4220 **\$330,000**
- 5537 LAWTON, Rockridge 4/1 1/2 Brn Shingle, Make Offer! Nr BART Mason McDuffie, Susan Schnellbacher 428-0900/ 452-6253 **\$329,000**
- 401 HILLER DR, Hiller Hglds 3/2 1/2 Corner Unit, 2 Frpks, Loft Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174 **\$328,500**
- 4164 WILSHIRE BLVD, 2+3, View, Space Lover's Must See! Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400 **\$325,000**
- 475 HUDSON, Rockridge Brn Shingle Beauty, 3+1 1/2, Gourm Kit Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174 **\$319,000**
- 176 SANTA ROSA, Nw Listing! Rose Grdn 4/2 1/2, Library/ Den Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174 **\$318,000**
- 1019 HARVARD RD, New Price! Elegant Trad, 2 Car Garage The GRUBB Co., Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400 **\$314,500**
- 1625 LEIMBERT, Reduced! Lg 4+bd Trad, Montclair Schools Wells & Bennett, Vicki Faulk 533-2950 MLS 034432 **\$310,000**
- 5311 LAWTON AVE, Charming Rockridge Duplex- 1/1 Up; 2/1 Dwn Owner, 658-9370 **\$299,900**
- 1855 MANZANITA, \$20K Reduction, Montclair Contemp, Vws, 3/2 Wells & Bennett, Dick Cohen 339-1117 MLS 033283 **\$299,000**

- 5878-80 CHABOT RD, Rockridge Duplex! Extra Spaces, Hot Tub JT Ward, Barbara Kami 845-6021/ 652-6973 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$299,000**
- 666 WALAVISTA, Reduced! Grt Natural Light, Remod Kit, 3+1 Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach 339-1174 **\$299,000**
- 5320 BROADWAY, Rockridge Triplex, Updated, Polished Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-8400 **\$299,000**
- 5918 MARDEN LN, Country Retreat, Montclair 3/2 + Sep 1/1 Coldwell Banker, Dell M. Orr 339-1174 **\$299,000**
- 5357 SHAFTER AVE, 2bd Craftsman Bungalow, Sun Rm, Redone Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174 **\$299,000**
- 5321 THOMAS, Rockridge Move-in Cond, 3bd, Wlk- College Ave! Mason McDuffie, M. Dresser 339-9290/ 869-4229 **\$299,000**
- 6510 RAYMOND ST, New Listing! Lg 4+2 Victorian, Exc Cond, Yd ERI, Billy 800-344-3741 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$299,000**
- 2707 SEMINARY, Huge 7+bd, Huge Lot, Subdivision Possible Wells & Bennett, Cheryl Elliott 638-7809 MLS 034969 **\$299,000**
- 4305 FAIR, Big Reduction! 3/3, Nw Constr; Bay Vws, Fam Rm Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400 **\$299,000**
- 5365 LAWTON AVE, New Listing! Rockridge 3/2, Updated, Lvl Yd Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460 **\$299,000**
- 842-842A WALKER, Reduced! 2 Units- 2bd Up/ 1bd Dwn, 2 Car Garage Owner (Ags 3%), MLS, 834-8768 OPEN SUNDAY 11-3 **\$299,000**
- 4133 LAGUNA, Easy Lvl Living! Grt Value, 3bd Inc Mstr Ste Wells & Bennett, Sandi Klemmer 654-4804 MLS 033247 **\$299,000**
- 1488 EXCELSIOR AVE, New Listing! Archt Detal, 3/2, Rumpus The GRUBB Co., Karen Starr 339-0400 **\$299,000**
- 4014 WATERHOUSE, Oakmore Sunny 2+bd Trad, Lvl Yd, A-1 Condition! Mason McDuffie, G. Boomer 339-9290/ 869-4202 **\$299,000**
- 76 HAMILTON PL, Lk Merritt 2 Units, Victorian 2+4/2 Ownr's Unit Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460 **\$299,000**
- 2575 EL CAMINITO, Park-like Setting, 2bd, Solarium & Sun Rm Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174 **\$299,000**
- 1386 HOLMAN RD, New Price! Completely Renovated 4+2 Spanish The GRUBB Co., John Karnay 339-0400 **\$299,000**
- 5308 LOCKSLEY AVE, Rockridge 2/1 Craftsman Starter, Orig Details Pacific Union, Howard Rodkin 339-6460 **\$299,000**
- 7265 SARONI, Great 3+2 House, Great Value! Mason McDuffie, M. Potmesil 339-9290/ 869-4241 **\$299,000**
- 3551 LAGUNA AVE, New Listing! Laurel 3/1 Adorable Bungalow, Yd Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460 **\$299,000**
- 4445 FAIR, Redwood Hts Storybook Dream Come True, 3/2 Mason McDuffie, B. Mele 339-9290/ 869-4231 **\$299,000**
- 4876 REINHART, 3/2, View! Spacious & Well Maintained Better Homes, Heidi Tuggle 834-2010/ 531-4554 **\$299,000**
- 525 HADDON RD, Haddon Hill 2+1 Charming Trad, Attic W/ Sunrm Pacific Union, Nancy Donnelly 339-6460 **\$299,000**
- 395 ADAMS, 4 bedroom/ 1 1/2 bath Coldwell Banker, Jerry Long 486-1495 **\$299,000**
- 3534 WILSON AVE, 2/2, Upgrades Galore, Cul-de-sac, Grdns Better Homes, Anica Weyl 339-8400 **\$299,000**
- 409 51ST ST, New Listing! 3+2 1/2, Full Bsmnt, 4 Bks College Ave ERI, Tiffany 800-344-3741 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 **\$299,000**
- 6996 PINEHAVEN RD, Cottage Fixer + Site Imprmnts For Nw Hm Wells & Bennett, Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780 MLS 032799 **\$299,000**



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What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

Don Dunning, CRB

How important is permit?

Homes are sold every day where work was done by the seller without permits. Is this a problem? It depends.

The seller is legally obligated to disclose all work which requires a permit but for which a permit was not obtained or "finaled." This should be clearly indicated on the Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement (RETD).

If it is disclosed on the RETD, should a buyer insist on a permit? The answer is that this is a negotiable item between the buyer and seller. In some cases it could mean ripping open walls, ceilings and floors to expose structural, electrical or plumbing work.

If the work was actually done correctly and to code, this could be a terrible waste, particularly if a buyer backs out of the sale.

On the other hand, without having the work checked by experts, buyers have no way of knowing whether or not any health and safety standards have been violated.

As a rule of thumb, the more extensive the work done without permit, the greater the health/safety risk to the buyer.

The resale risk is also substantial. When the new buyer becomes a seller, he may not find another buyer who is willing to purchase the property without finalized permits.

This obviously reduces the property's value and, in certain situations, could make the property virtually unsalable.

Each situation is unique, but the services of a competent professional home inspector are essential in sales where substantial

work was done without permit.

In fact, I recommend a professional inspection on every home sale. The buyer should rely on the opinion of the inspector plus those of any additional experts who might be warranted.

A scenario where the only work done without permit was the replacement of the bathroom sink is quite different from one with extensive room alterations or additions.

Regardless, cities and counties enforce the Uniform Building Code for an excellent reason: to protect the health and safety of the public. Work requiring a permit should be done under permit. This must not be dismissed lightly.

The reality, however, is that a substantial number of homes on the market at any given time have had work done without permit. This could develop into a bigger problem than it initially appears. What if the buyer asks the seller to get permits on the "unpermitted" work and the seller refuses, but the buyer still wants to buy the house?

Whether you are a buyer or a seller, make sure your agent explains all the risks, including possible problems with lenders and local authorities. All work done without permit should be clearly explained in writing. Ask the right questions and consider your potential liability and options before deciding how to proceed.

Don Dunning is a 15-year real estate veteran and a Broker Associate with Wells and Bennett Realtors in Oakland. He can be reached at 531-7000, ext. 239.

'Creative financing' takes on new meaning

By H.W. Moss

With the economy heating up, rates on the rise and refinancing mania at a virtual standstill, the mortgage lending industry has developed a few new concepts to throw at the borrowing public.

The object, of course, is to entice existing borrowers away from their current contracts or convince new property buyers to go with something other than a conventional fixed rate or adjustable loan.

Creative financing once referred simply to a seller assisting a buyer by carrying paper. Today, the term includes the buyer choosing from among a variety of different types of first mortgages, some of which are quite unusual.

But these loans are not for everyone and borrowers should be warned to evaluate carefully before selecting something so new that major institutions, like Wells Fargo for example, do not even offer them. And there are those in the industry who are skeptical of the benefits these loans offer the public.

Here are three new concepts and a brief description of each:

• The first is called the Money-Back Home Loan. Basically, the principal portion of a loan payment is diverted toward a life insurance policy. The fund builds in value with each payment until the end of the loan term when there is supposed to be enough cash not only to pay it off but money left over that goes to the borrower. New to the United States, this loan has supposedly been in use for years in Europe and is available through Investment Mortgage Corp. in Atlanta.

• This next is known as an Asset Integrated Mortgage (AIM). The idea here is to take a portion of the initial down payment and, instead of crediting it toward the purchase, put that money into an annuity which guarantees a minimum interest rate and full return of principal. Promoters say no mortgage insurance is necessary and Fannie Mae accepts these loans in the secondary market because of the guaranteed return of

investment and on investment. Hamilton Financial Corp. offers this type of loan.

• Finally, there is the Equity Link which is being offered by North American Mortgage. Parents can pledge assets and, in effect, make a 100 percent loan for their children, without giving up the assets. Should there be a default, those assets are the first claim against the loan. When the loan is paid down to an acceptable loan-to-value, that encumbrance can be removed. The product is being offered in conjunction with the California Housing Finance Agency in Sacramento.

"I believe we're on the cutting edge of a new form of mortgage program," said Veronica Masterson, vice president of marketing for Hamilton Financial Corp. which offers the Total Equity Return Mortgage, their product name for the AIM described above. "Some day, someone is going to look back and say, oh, remember when there were no AIM loans?"

But there are detractors and, it should be pointed out, an AIM is not available for FHA or VA loans.

"It's an idea whose time has not come and whose time is not going to come," said Joe Garrett, president of American Liberty Corp., the parent of American Liberty Mortgage in Oakland.

Although Garrett said he was familiar only with the AIM loan concept, not the other two mentioned above, he said, "They (AIM loans) are all variations on a theme. We've looked at them and believe they are a real disservice to the borrower."

Garrett called AIM loans gimmicky and gave several reasons why he does not believe they are in the best interest of most borrowers.

"They are often driven by lenders trying to get more loan volume," he said. "Part of the problem is fixed annuities get killed by high expenses by the insurance companies that run them who charge very high fees. Fixed annuities tend to underperform compared to other

investments. The borrower could accomplish the same thing by putting their money into a savings account or into the stock market. It accomplishes nothing that couldn't be done by the buyer on his own."

Masterson, however, said that Hamilton's AIM program has been accepted by two distinct categories of buyer: those in high tax brackets who want a larger mortgage for its writeoff, and those at the other end where relatives gift a downpayment to a buyer. The giver can now opt not to lose the use of their money entirely, usually until much later when the property is either sold refinanced, and can receive some return on part of it.

Fannie Mae insists that parents "gift" a downpayment to their children with no strings attached. In the past this has not always been the true nature of the transaction. With an AIM, however, instead of making a side deal with the borrower which is not acceptable to a lender if discovered, "this is totally aboveboard and appropriate and puts the relationship (between the giver and receiver) on a business level," said Masterson.

Here is how an AIM loan works, according to Bert Gorman, regional director for Financial Integration, an Ohio company which Gorman said pioneered the concept.

Of the 20 percent a borrower normally puts down, 15 percent goes into a flexible deposit tax deferred annuity and just five percent actually goes toward the down payment.

"Instead of funding an \$80,000 mortgage, in this scenario you fund a \$95,000 mortgage and, yes, you are going to have a higher mortgage payment," said Gorman. "However, what the lender is doing and what Fannie Mae requires, is the lender takes a credit enhancement agreement, a document at closing, that essentially says the lender has the right to access the 15 percent, and only the 15 percent that was used to secure the loan. What happens in effect is the annuity becomes a sub-

stitute for mortgage insurance and eliminates the need and premium for MI." As any real estate professional knows, it is better that a buyer not pay an additional monthly premium for mortgage insurance.

The annuity has a guaranteed minimum rate of return, 3.5 percent, but currently one of Gorman's carriers in the program is paying 7.05 percent. The income from the annuity is tax deferred.

"It's not a tax free investment, it's a tax deferred investment which operates just like an IRA or 401K," said Gorman. "Unless you are retired or disabled or if you have not reached the age of 59-1/2 years, you pay an additional ten percent penalty on any gain."

The annuity is portable, said Gorman, and can be moved to another property or left untouched. Like the parental asset pledge, the AIM lien can be removed whenever it can be proven the owner has at least 20 percent equity in the property.

Bob Allen, executive vice president at North American Mortgage in Santa Rosa, is upbeat about these new concepts. Although not familiar with all of the new loans, he believes they fit a market niche.

"New animals crop up in a business cycle when the fixed rate is out of touch," said Allen. "People are looking for niches to compete. The biggest single problem for the first-time home buyers, which is a large percent of the market today, is the down payment."

Allen said in the future we can expect local governments to do a lot more to promote loan origination by using revenue bonds to subsidize interest rates on a mortgage or to offer down payment assistance programs.

Money-Back, AIM or pledged assets may be new loan ideas today. But, then, adjustable rate mortgages were once new and unusual products, too.

H.W. Moss is a Realtor and freelance writer.

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PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm		
284 MOUNTAIN AVE, Grand Scale Albert Farm Design, @1/2 Ac	\$1,695,000	
7 WILWOOD GARDENS, Romantic French Country Estate, 5+bd	\$929,000	
9 WYNGAARD AVE, New Listing! True English Tudor	\$895,000	
322 BLAIR, Cntrl Pied Trad, Level Landscpd Property	\$839,950	
98 LASALLE AVE, English Country, 5bd, Cozy Fam Rm, Office	\$795,000	
25 TYSON CIR, Luxurious Contemp Styling, Trad Formality	\$739,500	
45 ST JAMES PL, 4+1/3 Sun-filled Trad, Garden	\$699,000	
3 CROYDON CIRCLE, Stylish 4/3 2 Story Home, Lg Vw Lot	\$649,000	
343 MAGNOLIA AVE, Reduced! Charming Detd, 3bd/4ba, Au Pair	\$629,000	
141 ST JAMES DR, New Price! Fab Remod, Sunny 4/3	\$629,000	
110 ST JAMES DR, 3/2+ Custom Contemp, Landscpd Grnds	\$629,000	
116 WARFIELD AVE, New Listing! Monterey colonial, 5/3 1/2, Stdy	\$565,000	
123 WILWOOD, New Listing! Bright 3/2, Bonus Rm, Yd	\$439,000	
238 PALM DR, New Listing! Traditional, Fmly Lvgg, Elgnt Din	\$384,500	
239 PALM DR, 3/1 1/2, Charm & Potential, Grt Locatn	\$369,000	
SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday		
1728 ASTOR CT, Bay-O-Vista 4/2 1/2, Kit/ Fam Rm Combo, Fmly Dn	\$399,000	
1290 ESTUDILLO, Spacious Creekside Mini-estate	\$365,000	
2610 DARIUS WAY, Bay-O-Vista 3/2, Detailed, Hdw Flrs, Fm Rm	\$318,800	
2568 LONGVIEW DR, Bay-O-Vista 3/2, FDR, 2 Frplcs, Views!	\$309,800	
EL CERRITO Open Sunday		
7737 WARD AVE, Just Listed! Prime Area, 3+bd, Must Sell!	\$259,000	
404 VILLAGE DR, 2/1, Why Wait? Keep The Economy Going!	\$255,000	
249 BEHRENS, 2+ bedroom/ 1 Bath	\$229,000	
EL SOBRANTE Open Sunday		
5204 PINOLE VALLEY RD, 3 bedroom, 2 bath	\$122,500	
5290 SAN PABLO DAM RD, 1st Time Buyer! 2/1 Condo, Immaculate!	\$75,000	
KENSINGTON Open Sunday		
654 BLOIT, 3 bedroom, 2 bath	\$325,000	
BANY Open Sunday		
2348 TAYLOR, 4 bedroom/ 2 bath	\$349,500	
2320 PORTLAND, Impeccable Ca Spanish 2+bd, Fm Rm, Motivated!	\$269,000	
2320 FOLK, 2+ bedroom/ 1 bath	\$242,000	
BURKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm		
2320 BURET CT, 1920's Fine Mediterranean, Pano Vws, @ 1/2 Acre	\$729,000	
2320 ELYPTUS, Lg 5/3 Trad, Lvl Lot, Library, Qt Uplands St	\$675,000	
2320 MORFOLK RD, 3/2+, Pano Bay View, Dazzling Design	\$649,000	
2320 BURET AVE, Secluded By Creek, 3/2 1/2, Study, Rear Terrace	\$535,000	
2320 CREST RD, Claremont Brn shingle, Fmly Din, 4/3	\$535,000	
2320 MARIN, Elegant 5+3 Mediterranean, Bay View, "As Is"	\$449,000	
2320 PRICE ST, New Listing! Berk Hills 4+ Cr 3+1/2+ 2+, Terrific!	\$429,000	

To place a listing in the Open Home Guide, please call 339-4046.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Call 339-4060 with items for the Real Estate Section

Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA
56 Bannister Way - \$232,000
1170 Broadway - \$329,000
203 Central Ave. - \$184,000
21 Clipper Dr. - \$345,000
2615 Edison Ct. - \$244,500
410 Fairway Pl. - \$208,000
312 Harbor Light Rd. - \$280,000
164 Inverness Way - \$239,500
146 Lawrence Rd. - \$360,000
1835 Nason St. - \$105,500
44 Sea Bridge Way - \$330,000
2101 Shoreline Dr. #409 - \$160,000
955 Shorepoint Ct. #120 - \$120,000
1133 Verdmar Dr. - \$196,000
1127 Via Alamosa - \$200,000

ALBANY
818 Adams St. - \$200,000
524 Evelyn Ave. - \$300,000
555 Pierce St. #1102 - \$132,500
555 Pierce St. #1132D - \$93,000
934 Polk St. - \$195,000

BERKELEY
2766 Acton St. - \$106,000
1832 Arch St. - \$240,000
62 Arden Rd. #2 - \$150,000
2924 Ashby Ave. - \$600,000
2875 Bateman St. - \$285,000
1471 Blake St. - \$184,000
7200 Buckingham Blvd. - \$285,000
1319 Calhoun Ave. - \$206,000
600 Creston Rd. - \$305,000
1810 Dwight Way - \$162,000
48 Gravatt Dr. - \$168,000
2033 Hearst Ave. - \$134,000
1919 Hopkins St. - \$262,000
1976 Marin Ave. - \$395,000
95 Northgate Ave. - \$695,000
1424 Spruce St. - \$365,000
1914 Vine St. - \$195,000
1634 Walnut St. - \$345,000
2802 Woolsey St. - \$403,500

EL CERRITO
732 Albemarle St. - \$229,000
2015 Carquinez Ave. - \$225,000
7253 Cutting Blvd. - \$378,000
1226 Everett St. - \$177,000
1242 Everett St. - \$195,000
5205 Gordon Ave. - \$164,000
206 Santa Fe Dr. - \$285,000

EL SOBRANTE
12 Appian Ct. - \$161,500
2268 Granite Ct. - \$325,000
622 Lois Lane - \$161,000
212 Regency Ct. - \$345,000
3938 Wesley Way - \$132,000

EMERYVILLE
8 Admiral Dr. #A321 - \$164,000
3 Captain Dr. #D402 - \$100,000
6363 Christie Ave. #2804 - \$310,000

OAKLAND
3527 Bruce St. - \$150,000
2937 Burdeck Dr. - \$240,000
3142 Carlsen St. - \$250,000
5909 Chabot Rd. - \$352,500
12 Clipper Hill - \$575,000
5337 College Ave. #303 - \$356,000
9279 D St. - \$107,000
823 East 17th St. - \$118,000
6231 Fairlane Dr. - \$140,000
9980 Golf Links Rd. - \$213,000
69 Graeagle St. - \$215,000
4128 Harbor View Ave. - \$326,000
1427 Holman Rd. - \$245,000
457 Hudson St. - \$237,000
5248 Lawton Ave. - \$258,000
1521 Magnolia St. - \$121,500
10732 Mark St. - \$166,000
2463 Maxwell Ave. - \$139,500
738 McKinley Ave. - \$250,000
71 Montwood Way - \$270,000
5870 Moraga Ave. - \$222,000
2901 Morgan Ave. - \$160,500
6032 Ocean View Dr. - \$420,000
6219 Outlook Ave. - \$135,000
714 Prospect Ave. - \$258,000
811 Prospect Ave. - \$230,000
4395 Remora Dr. - \$299,000
6828 Saroni Dr. - \$297,000
41 Selkirk St. - \$334,000
3637 Shone Ave. - \$175,000
6508 Sunnymer Ave. - \$100,000
5300 Wentworth Ave. - \$180,000
4225 Wilshire Blvd. - \$216,000
3001 Wisconsin St. - \$224,000

PIEDMONT
120 Caperton Ave. - \$500,000
356 Mountain Ave. - \$867,500

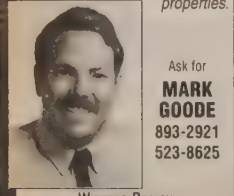
SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$105,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$360,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$235,566

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$93,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$300,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$184,100

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WINTERS REALTY

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST PRICE: \$106,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$695,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$288,710

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$164,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$378,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$236,142

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$132,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$345,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$224,900

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$310,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$191,333

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 34
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$575,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$234,705

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$500,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$867,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$683,750

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Plant tall shrubs, not trees, on fence line



The Dirt Gardener

BUZZ BERTOLERO

Q: What kind of evergreen tree grows really fast and is possibly litter-free? I need them for privacy between a fence that separates our one-story house and a new two-story home.

A: Planting any kind of tree on the fence line will present problems at some point in time. It is very difficult to keep the tree from spreading to your neighbor's property and this can cause a dispute with someone who may not like your choice of plant material.

You might consider standard photinia, oleander, or privet. These trees grow to 15 or 20 feet tall and can be trimmed severely if necessary.

Another alternative might be to plant tall shrubs that can grow to 15 feet in height and can be trimmed to form a solid hedge, such as: pittosporum, crassifolium, eugenioides or nigracans, or Italian buckthorn. These large shrubs grow at a moderate rate, so it will take three to five years before the screening is completed.

Although it seems like a long time before the view is blocked, it will save you major aggravation in the future.

Q: I live on 1.1 acres in the Milpitas foothills and I've got terrible problems with ground squirrels in my garden and orchard. I've been told that a bait station works well for controlling these varmints while keeping the bait out of the reach of kids and dogs. I am looking for a diagram of this bait station, and can you recommend a bait?

A: Controlling ground squirrels is covered in the Cooperative Extension Publication #21285, Wildlife Pest Control Around Gardens and Homes.

A copy can be obtained by writing to ANR, University of California, 6701 San Pablo Ave., Oakland,

CA 94608. The cost of this publication is \$8. It has a diagram of the bait station along with other control methods.

Anticoagulant baits are recommended because they are safe to humans and pets. Check with your County Agricultural Commissioner for any particular requirements for your area, as they differ from county to county. They might also have the bait or could recommend a retailer near you.

This control method is not recommended for tree squirrels because they are protected under the U.S. Department of Fish and Game.

If you have any more questions as to what you can and cannot do, write to your County Agricultural Commissioner's office.

Q: I have a Japanese maple that is beautiful in the spring. In the late

summer the leaf tips get brown and dry up. It doesn't seem to matter how much water it gets, the results appear. Is this normal? What can I do to prevent this?

A: This is a normal occurrence for Japanese maples. The maples tips burn and the dry, crinkly leaves are due to hot, dry summer weather.

In early August, strip the brown and dry foliage and apply 16-16-16 fertilizer, at the rate of one-half pound of food per inch diameter of the trunk measured one foot off the ground.

The maple will grow again, so you will be able to enjoy the season's color.

Send your questions to Buzz Bertolero, C.C.N., c/o Hills Newspapers, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland 94611.

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ALAMEDA

5135.000
ALAMEDA 2 BR, 2 BA large condominium. Walk to Park Street. Elevator, secure parking. Smaller building, good neighbors.

477 McDONNELL
3 BR, 2 1/2 BA home on quiet cul-de-sac lot. Excellent schools. Walk to SF Ferry. Perfect for commuter family. Easy maintenance, good schools, outstanding location. Call now 748-5300.

2+ BR, 1 1/2 BA BAY FARM ISLAND. LARGE LOT. \$214,900

238 BANNISTER CT.
A short stroll to the ferry at Harbor Bay and a 20-minute ride to work in the city. Ideal starter, 3 years young, 2 BR, 2 BA all on one level. A must-see in today's market. 748-5300

3 BR, 2 1/2 BA ... NEAR ALAMEDA FERRY
\$285,000

4449.000
ALAMEDA COSTA BRAVA DEVELOPMENT. 4 BR, 3 BA 2-story home with a lagoon view. Just a stone's throw from the high-speed ferry to San Francisco. Largest floorplan at Costa Brava. 748-5300

\$399,000
NEW THIS WEEK. ALAMEDA GOLD COAST LOCATION. 3 BR Craftsman with spacious rooms. Built-ins and walk-ins, located a block from Franklin Park. Shown by appointment. 748-5300

\$198,000
CHARMING CALIFORNIA BUNGALOW. 2 BR home on a short, tree-lined street in the middle of Alameda. Lots of natural wood, wonderful breakfast area and a pretty garden. Call right away. 748-5300

Alameda 748-5300
Oakland 891-0850
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2555.000
VICTORIAN DUPLEX 2 BR, 1 BA and a 3 BR, 1 BA owner's unit. Live in one unit and rent the other...or convert it back to a large single-family home. Large corner lot. Central Alameda location. 748-5300

2201 SAN JOSE AVE.
A grand example of Alameda's Victorian charm. 4 BR home on a large corner lot. New kitchen but lots of original charm. Call now 748-5300

1608 FERNSIDE BL.
3 BR, 2 BA EAST END OF ALAMEDA. Beautiful new kitchen, hardwood floors and large closets. This house feels like home! 748-5300

OAKLAND

\$135.000
ONE BLOCK FROM MAXWELL PARK. 2 BR, 1 BA family home with lots of room for expansion. New kitchen, 2-car garage, full basement. In foreclosure - Must Sell! 748-5300

\$349.000
3 BR, 2 BA VIEW HOME. Montclair off Skyline Blvd. Motivated Seller must move to Texas. Modern kitchen and baths, outstanding view. 748-5300

4 BR, 2 BA CRAFTSMAN ON THE BERKELEY/OAKLAND BORDER \$229,000

2 BR HOME PLUS INCOME one block off Grand in the Grand Lake area \$260,500

3 BR, 2 BA Large lot. Open space Montclair Area above Thornhill \$324,000

3 BR, 2 1/2 BA VIEW HOME AT RIDGEMONT IMMEDIATE OCC \$365,000

SEE THE OPEN HOME SECTION FOR OUR WEEKEND OPEN HOUSES

ALAMEDA

2555.000
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3 BR, 2 BA EAST END OF ALAMEDA. Beautiful new kitchen, hardwood floors and large closets. This house feels like home! 748-5300

SAN LEANDRO

\$210,000
NEW THIS WEEK. ASSUMPTION PARK. 3 BR, 2 BA with beautiful hardwood floors. Located on a large, quiet cul-de-sac. Distance to schools. Show me. 748-5300

14371 LOCUST ST. SAN LEANDRO
3 BR, 2 BA, Bon-Aire District. A quiet development 15 min. from Downtown Oakland from Downtown Alameda. Ranch-style level home with an expanded kitchen and oversized family room.

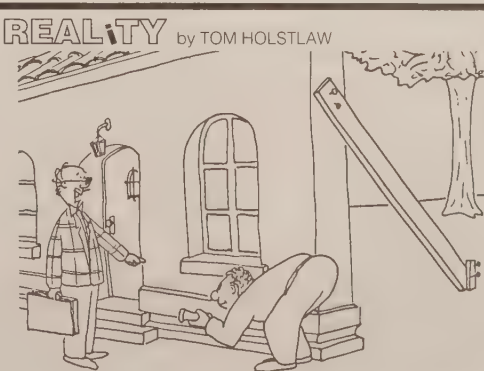
\$182,500
ESTUDIO ESTATES. THE PRICE IS RIGHT. SO COME ON DOWN. 2 BR, 1 BA style home with arches and a formal room. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac, all on one level. 748-5300

1825 ASTOR. BAY O VISTA 3 BR HOME ON 1/3 ACRE LOT. This Ranch-style home is perfect for entertaining. Large rooms, plenty of space to maintain at \$334,500 it is a steal as well as adorable just three doors away from tennis club. Tons of storage space.

Xmas wonders

Santa Claus himself would be hard pressed to duplicate the Christmas wonderland created by Ted Dawson, an Oakland designer who is launching a new business with a "Holiday Open House" Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5 and 6, 2 - 6 p.m. at The Theodore William Ltd. design and display showroom, 1770 Excelsior Ave., Oakland. Free tours of the five-room exhibit of fanciful Christmas displays and decorations (including animated bears, elves and holiday creations) will be accompanied by complimentary gourmet treats. The event marks the opening of Theodore William, Ltd., a floral design and display service available to individuals and businesses. For more information, call 531-0247.

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FEATURED ALAMEDA INVESTMENTS
This space reserved for your home.

*125 Payot - 1 level Heritage h.m. 2 BD, 2 BA, 2-car garage **REDUCED \$227,500**

*905 Taylor - 3 units (TOWNHOMES) A owner, 2 BD, 1 BA, 1 BA, 1 BA **REDUCED \$335,000**

*3011 Thompson - 3 units (TOWNHOMES) B owner, 2 BD, 1 BA, 1 BA, 1 BA **REDUCED \$398,000**

*2528 Crist - The Historic Bungalow, 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA, E End **REDUCED \$145,000**

*2258 Santa Clara - 5 unit Victorian. Professional offices **REDUCED \$625,000**

For additional information on these or other properties contact

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PACIFIC UNION RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

HOMES OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

284 MOUNTAIN AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 6BD/4+BA - \$1,695,000
Grand scale Albert Farr design on approx. 1/2 acre. Dee Dee Bonham

5410 FERNHUFF ROAD, SKYLINE - 4BD/3+BA - \$749,000
Prestigious location, over 1 acre. \$500k assumable loan. Sally Morrison

5424 GOLDEN GATE, ROCKLEDGE - 4BD/2+BA - \$629,000
Brand new traditional style, quality throughout, view. Kirk Phillips

110 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2+BA - \$629,000
Custom contemporary, large landscaped gardens, privacy. Joan Daniel

5874 MARGARITO, CLAREMONT PINES - 4BD/3+BA - \$619,000
Unique Monterey Colonial, privacy, pool & garden. Brooks Anderson

5232 PROCTOR, UPPER ROCKLEDGE - 4BD/2+BA - \$498,000
Gorgeous new traditional, family room, SF bay view, yard. Joan Dark

13754 CAMPUS DRIVE, RIDGEMONT - 4BD/3BA - \$459,000
Sweeping bay/canyon views, fan room off kit, level yard. Robyn Mohr

8 TAURUS AVENUE, MONTCLAIR - 2+BD/2BA - \$450,000
New construction, cul-de-sac, dramatic bay view. Claudia Ellinghaus

14 SONIA STREET, UPPER ROCKLEDGE - 4BD/3+BA - \$449,500
Fabulous location, great value, charm, updates, yard. Patricia Scott

5958 GLENARMS DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA - \$425,000
Newer custom home, quality materials, mostly level. Wendy Gardner

25 MASONIC PLACE, UPPER ROCKLEDGE - 4BD/2BA - \$380,000
Level living on cul-de-sac, lovely master suite. Charlene Claybaugh

1705 MANZANITA DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA - \$380,000
Top of the world view! 4-yr old custom home, privacy. Nancy Donnelly

268 SOMERSET ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2BA - \$349,000
Level-in, updated kit, South Bay/canyon views, patio. Ann Nichols

4926 STONERIDGE COURT, RIDGEMONT - 3BD/2+BA - \$349,000
Reduced! Sweeping canyon/south bay view, level yard. Robyn Mohr

5365 LAWTON AVENUE, ROCKLEDGE - 3BD/2BA - \$299,000
New listing! Beautifully updated, level back yard. Thomas Wurst

76 HAMILTON PLACE, LAKE MERRITT - 2 UNITS - \$249,000
Spacious Victorian 2+BD/2BA owner's unit. Gorgeous Donna Thomas

5308 LOCKSLEY AVENUE, ROCKLEDGE - 2BD/1BA - \$229,000
Craftsman starter, original details, yard. Howard Rodkin

3551 LAGUNA AVENUE, LAUREL - 3BD/1BA - \$229,000
New listing! Spacious, adorable bungalow, huge yard. Dee Kroschel

525 HADDON ROAD, HADDON HILL - 2+BD/1BA - \$219,000
Charming trad, large attic with sun room, private yard. Nancy Donnelly

BY APPOINTMENT

EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTY - PIEDMONT - \$990,000
Architect designed for active living & elegant entertaining. All one level, open floor plan, lovely private patios. Nancy Donnelly

CENTRAL PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN - \$849,000
Exceptional renovation! SF/bay views, level out to yard. 3+BD/2+BA, exquisite architectural detail, priv. garden. Georgia Cornell

LARGE BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN - \$699,000
Located near the Claremont Hotel & Spa. 7BD/3+BA, 2 kitchens, original wood detailing, fam rm, bay views. Suzanne Unford

VICTORIAN DUPLEX & COTTAGE - \$550,000
A showplace! Charm throughout with gorgeous owner's unit, leaded glass windows, 2 trpls, fabulous gardens. Rich Gould

PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR - \$449,000
Beautifully maintained, 1 owner home w/bay views in a dramatic setting. 4BD/2+BA, rec room, lush landscaping. Georgia Cornell

VERSATILITY AND CHARM - MONTCLAIR - \$419,000
Spacious home with separate studio. 5BD/4BA, rumpus with trpl, large entertaining deck off sunny lanai, 2-car gar. Chuck Corwin

CROCKER HIGHLANDS TUDOR - \$385,000
Beautiful English, rich in architectural detail. Elegant LR w/solarium, updated kit, lg frml DR, 4BD/4BA, rumpus. Georgia Cornell

TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE - \$349,950
Recently upgraded, ideal for entertaining. Gracious living & dining rms, 5BD/2+BA, sun rm & formal DR. Charlene Claybaugh

SWEEPING SAN FRANCISCO VIEWS - \$329,000
Lovely custom built 3BD/3BA home. Plus rm, huge rumpus, formal dining, just painted inside & out, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr

CROCKER HIGHLANDS - \$249,000
This 3BD/2+BA home offers a great frl plan for home office or study, country kitchen, excellent SF commute. Charlene Claybaugh

SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS TOWNHOUSE - \$229,000
Desirable end unit with lovely bay view. 3BD/2+BA, spacious family room off kitchen, large garden, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr

INCREDIBLE GLENVIEW VALLEY - \$219,000
Adorable craftsman with contemporary updates. Vaulted ceilings, kitchen/family room, great bath & level yard. Patricia Scott

LAUREL BROWN SHINGLE - \$219,000
Bright 4+BD/2BA home w/room to spare. Lots of original charm, high ceilings, freshly painted, nice back yard. Martha Holstlaw

ROCKLEDGE CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW - \$219,000
Walk to College Ave & BART! 3BD/1BA, corner frpl in LR, huge frpl, frml dining, eat-in kit, patio, garden, garage. Wendy Gardner

CROCKER HIGHLANDS - \$219,000
Best price in best neighborhood! 2BD/1BA, plus room/office, remud kit, frml DR, hwdw frpl, level-out back yard. Wyn Smith

RARE ONE LEVEL TOWNHOUSE - \$209,000
2BD/2BA including master suite, family room, just painted, carpet throughout, level yard, patio, 2-car gar. Robyn Mohr

Events

Electricity for Women: Part 1, presented by Women Empowering Women, Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 2830 Ninth St., Berkeley. Wire 3-way switch, learn how to install GFCI receptacles. Basic electrical knowledge required. Fee is \$45 - \$60. Call 649-6265 to register.

Broker Associate Pat Harrington and Realtor Shirley Ellis present **A Seminar with a Difference: Homeownership for Non-Traditional Home Buyers**, Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. at Amarino Restaurant, 1332 Park St., Alameda. Topics include parents helping children buy; if a relationship is over and one wants to pool money and buying together; and sharing tax savings on joint ownership. Free. Call 649-4703 or 522-5545 to register.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Homeowner's Workshop** on Saturday, Nov. 5: **How to Buy Your Home: Earthquake Retrofitting**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and **Hands-on Interior Mastering Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., \$90. Call 525-7610 for reservations.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Carpenetry Basics for Women**, Sunday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$20. Participants will construct their own tool box. Call 525-7610 for reservations.

Water Conservation in the Home, is presented by Women Empowering Women, Monday, Nov. 7, 7 - 9 p.m. at 2830 Ninth St., Berkeley. Donation of \$5 to \$10 at the door. Call 649-6255 to make reservation.

A workshop on **Women and Minority Business Procurement**, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m. - noon, at the East Bay Small Business

Development Center, 2201 Broadway, Oakland. Call 208-9473 for more information.

The Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) and the California Association of Realtors (CAR) sponsor **The Essentials of the CAR Purchase Agreement**, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center (check-in 8 a.m.). The four-hour, DRE-approved, continuing education course on the new eight-page deposit receipt will answer all your questions about the new form. \$35 members; \$45 non-members. Space is limited. Call (213) 739-8225 to register.

Plan Reading for Beginners, is presented Thurs., Nov. 19, 7 - 10 p.m. at the Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley. \$35. Call 525-7610.

The first of six Saturday sessions on **Homeowners Essential Course: How to Build, Remodel and Maintain Your Home**, is Nov. 12, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley. \$350 for course. Call 525-7610.

The Business Owners Council sponsors a workshop, **Selling Your Business Successfully**, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 500 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland. Topics include: How to get your business ready for sale; what business buyers are looking for; how to successfully negotiate the highest price and terms for your business; and putting a value on your business. \$25. For more information and registration, call 830-3076.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Landscape Watering Design**, Wed., Nov. 16, 7 - 10 p.m. \$35.

Call 525-7610.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors' **Monthly meeting** is Thurs., Nov. 17, 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Hs. Lordships, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley Marina. Speaker will be Toni Wilson, marketing director for All About Homes. Cost is \$35 including dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly for reservations at 549-9335.

Build a Wall, presented by Women Empowering Women, is Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 2830 Ninth St., Berkeley. Learn basic techniques and language of wall framing. Ready yourself to tackle your own remodeling. Fee is \$45 - \$60. Call 649-6265 to register.

Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit home construction agency building affordable homes throughout the Bay Area, sponsors **Free Information Evenings** to recruit and educate volunteers and donors. Call 251-6304 for more information.

For inclusion in the Events listing, please send information or press releases to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate Section, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619, call 339-4047, or FAX 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

One-day super sale on compost bins

This Saturday, Nov. 5, all Alameda County residents are invited to a special, one-day Home Compost Bin Sale. The event will be held (rain or shine) at Merritt College, 12500 Campus Dr., off Redwood Road in Oakland, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Every county resident is entitled to purchase a high quality Smith and Hawken home compost bin, which normally retails for \$100, for only \$33. Proof of residency is required and there is a limit of one bin per customer.

The compost bin program is jointly sponsored by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the Alameda County Recycling Board to help reduce the amount of yard, or "green" waste going to landfills. Since the program began in 1993, more than 12,000 people have purchased a home compost bin at a substantial discount.

"Twenty to 30 percent of what we throw in the garbage is compostable yard trimmings and kitchen scraps," says program coordinator Teresa Eade. "Composting is an easy, cost-effective form of recycling."

Many people who have purchased bins through the program are encouraging their neighbors to give composting a try. "I never composted before, so I like to show people how simple it is," says Ernest Williams of Oakland.

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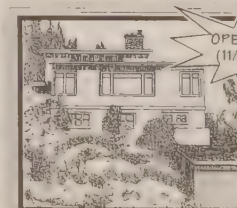
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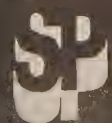
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Election 1994: Ballot information

AC Transit, Director at Large

Edward Castillo, 56
Driver/Electrical

Candidate's statement (condensed): A long time resident of Alameda County, Castillo says it is his belief that those who serve the community should have first hand knowledge concerning the needs of the people in that area. He believes it is the board's responsibility to provide the safest, most efficient, economical and ecologically sound means of transportation at their disposal. He also claims the system has experienced cutbacks in service, increased fares, higher crime on board, breakdowns enroute due to inadequate equipment and directors who have used their board service for personal gain or left mid-term for greener pastures.

Vicky Kolakowski
Attorney

Candidate's statement (condensed): Difficult decisions must be made by directors competent to make them and sensitive to those who rely on those services. She says she is a regular patron of public transportation and is aware of the necessity of service and problems which riders face daily. She holds a Masters of Public Administration with an emphasis on governmental budget and finance and says she has worked in the district on issues including paratransit services and transportation needs of the poor.

Alberto S. Rocha
Engineering Manager
Candidate's statement (condensed): Through his education, engineering, and managerial experiences over 20 years, Rocha says he has the skills to manage, analyze and meet the challenges facing AC Transit's mission to improve transportation services. He says he is an expert in project management, public planning, financial analysis and marketing. He currently serves on the East Bay Conversion and Reinvestment Commission and has a Bachelor of Management degree. He pledges to improve bus reliability, accessibility, financial viability, productivity and safety if elected.

Matt Williams, 40
Teacher/Financial Analyst
Candidate's statement (condensed): Williams says the district must work closely with riders, community groups, local government and BART to improve service delivery. He is a 30 year East Bay resident and says he understands the needs of business and labor and is endorsed by the Sierra Club. He favors cleaner, quieter buses and light rail on busy lines. As a dispute arbitrator, he says he believes in listening to all points of view and treating people with fairness and respect. He teaches investment finance at the University of California.

Contra Costa County, Municipal Court Judge Office 1

Peter Berger, 49
Incumbent

Candidate's statement (condensed): For more than 20 years after earning his degree from UC Berkeley, he worked as a probation officer and then as a trial attorney in the Contra Costa County courts. He was appointed judge after being rated for fitness by the nonpartisan State Judicial Nominations Commission. He says that a judge should not be a community or political activist, but should be independent and follow the law.

Supporters include: Assemblyman (former sheriff) Richard Rainey, Sheriff Warren Ruff, Richmond Police Officers Association, Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriffs Association, Kensington Police Officers Association, Chief Deputy District Attorney John McTigue, Senior Deputy District Attorneys Robert Kochly, Dale Miller, C. L. Morris in addition to 12 local judges.

Tony Thompson, 33
Attorney
Candidate's statement (condensed): A lifelong resident of West County, Thompson believes the court system is inefficient, with hundred of cases untied and the community left feeling unsafe. He is a graduate of El Cerrito High School, received a scholarship to attend Northwestern Uni-

versity and received his law degree from Harvard. In addition to being a Deputy Public Defender, he teaches law at Stanford and Harvard, has served on the Board of Directors on the Contra Costa Legal Services Foundation, which provides free legal service to the poor, and as President of the West Contra Costa Youth Services Bureau, which counsels at-risk youth.

Supporters include: Assemblymembers Bob Campbell and Tom Bates, Senator Nick Petris, Mayors Rosemary Corbin and Shirley Wysinger, Councilmembers Jim Rogers, Richard Griffin, John Marquez, Deputy School Superintendent Santiago Wood, Maria Viramontes, Ted Smith, Jean Siri and Bettye Cash.

Stega Sanitary District, Director

John T. Andrew, 29
Incumbent

Candidate's statement (condensed): A member of the Board of Directors since 1991, Andrew is a graduate of UC Berkeley with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering and previously worked as an environmental engineer for the US Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco. He is currently a sanitary engineer with the California Department of Health Services in Berkeley and is a licensed civil engineer in the California. If reelected, Andrew says he will continue to support Stege's efforts to repair and rebuild aging and failing portions of the infrastructure and will work to keep sewer rates low.

Dwight Merrill, 49
Chemist
Candidate's statement (condensed): With a BA from UC Berkeley and a PhD from The Ohio State University, Merrill says he will continue the district's tradition of fiscal prudence and sound maintenance if elected. He says Stege Directors have a responsibility to communicate with citizens and insure that waste water is treated in an environmentally safe manner at the lowest cost commensurate with this requirement. A Ber-

keley native, Merrill and his wife have lived in El Cerrito for nearly 20 years and have three children.

Alan C. Miller, 57
Incumbent, Administrative Services Manager, Institute of Human Origins

Candidate's statement (condensed): Miller served as an engineer in the US Navy for 26 years, retiring with the rank of captain, and has since served as Director of the ECHS Tutoring Center for five years and was a volunteer with the El Cerrito Senior Center's Respite Program and at the Kensington Senior Center, Arlington Community Church. As a director, Miller says he was involved in completing a federally mandated construction program to eliminate untreated sewage overflows to the Bay, planning and completing a nationally recognized lateral sewer rehabilitation program, developing a 20 year construction and financing plan to rehabilitate or replace main and lateral systems as needed and liquidating all bonded indebtedness. He says he has completed a formal Certification Program in Special District management, financing and administration.

Don West, 72
Incumbent, Retired
Candidate's statement (condensed): As a director, West says he supported work to instituted a cyclic replacement program to replace worn out sewers on a regular basis rather than waiting for them to collapse, maintained the homeowner service charge at \$6.50 per month and reduced the average number of main line service calls to four per month.

Contra Costa County Supervisor

Maria Theresa Viramontes
Community College Trustee
Candidate's statement (condensed): Viramontes holds a B.A., University of the Pacific. Contra Costa Community College Trustee. Economic Development Commissioner. As a Community College Trustee, she says she opened the door of opportunity for young adults by doubling the enrollment of high school students preparing for college

and led school reform efforts assuring equal academic standards and imposing greater accountability. As a Planning Commissioner, she says she protected our environment without hurting the economy. I'm sponsoring an initiative in Richmond/El Sobrante to block new development above the 400 foot ridgeline.

Jim Rogers, 39
People's Lawyer/Richmond Councilmember

Candidate's statement (condensed): A graduate of UC Berkeley and UC Davis Law School, Rogers is a Richmond Councilmember, as well as chair, Richmond Anti-Drug Task Force and a volunteer attorney, Contra Costa Elderly Legal Assistance. He is also vice chair, California Common Cause, authored the Richmond Campaign Reform Initiative and the End Billboard Blight Initiative. He says he bases his public service and professional career in fighting for hardworking citizens against powerful special interests that use big money and backroom political clout to get their way.

He is the only candidate against the \$300,000,000 Martinez hospital project.

Contra Costa Community College District, Ward 1

Alex Evans, 33
Public Policy Analyst
Candidate's statement (condensed): says he will work to reform and modernize California's public schools. He is changing the way government works is a must and starting with our schools is a step in the right direction. He has run for political office, is a parent, owner, a businessman, and a community leader. He has a Master of Public Policy from the University of Michigan and a Degree of Public Policy Studies, and a Law Degree from UC Berkeley. For the past years he served on a University of California Board. He asks voters to call him at 231-0481.

David MacDiarmid, 52
Businessman
Candidate's statement (condensed): MacDiarmid holds an AA from Contra Costa Community College and a BA from UC Berkeley. He has served on the Contra Costa Community College Board, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Richmond City Council and the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council. He says equity and fairness are the resources back to West County. He is committed to have a Community College committed to pursuing the matter.

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
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WASHERS and dryers. Kenmore-Whirlpool. Reconditioned and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Delivery available 548-4411 anytime.

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605 Home Furnishings

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WALNUT dining room table, circa 1930, 6 chairs, casted pedestal legs, good condition. Evenings 428-2248

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704 Housing Wanted

QUIET, self-employed male, non-smoker seeks quiet rental situation. Prefer cottage, but open-minded. Can afford any rent. David 653-0445

FURNISHED apartment/ studio wanted approximately November 15- February 28. Rockridge. Rent: about \$200 monthly. Room: about 12x12. Piedmont. Call Edgewood Properties 548-0894.

NEAT, secure, low income, 65 year old gentleman, needs a light housekeeping room. 452-3217.

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\$1650 FOUR bedroom, sparkling updated Rockridge home, quiet, views, decks, large yard, November-February. 655-1290

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\$350 LOWER LAUREL cottage. Utilities included. Yard. Pets okay. 38th Ave/ Alameda. Agent 482-3845

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719 APT

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\$1200 TOWNHOUSE condo, Bay view from rear deck super condition, great location. CPS Management 444-0276

\$1200 TWO BEDROOM, 2 bath, new kitchen, deck, alarm, creek setting. Excellent condition Jordan Rd No pets 531-6673

\$1250 HERITAGE of Claremont Condo, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, security. Available immediately. Better Homes, Ed Lindorfer 339-8400

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\$2000 CROCKER Highlands, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, Tudor inspired, great view, sunnyside hill location. Excellent condition, huge deck and spa, rec room. Prefer 1 year lease. No pets. Agent, 339-8460, ext. 315, Patricia Scott.

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\$1170 FOUR bedroom, 2 bath, family room with fireplace, large kitchen, formal dining and living room, large yard, 1 car garage, Laurel District Deposit. 430-1215

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\$1600 LEONA Heights, Spacious 3 level, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 fireplaces. Family room, game room, garage, laundry, deck, large, yard, security. Evenings/weekends, 487-1490

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\$1800 PARKRIDGE Estates, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, all level, with family room, pool, 2 car garage, quiet location Donna 339-6460

\$1850 LAKESHORE large home, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, newly painted, secluded back yard with deck. Great location on Ross/Donnie. Agent (no fee) 763-9901

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\$2400 PIEDMONT 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool, incredible 3 bridge view, fireplaces, decks, bright hardwoods, 2 car garage. Must see. Talsch Properties (415)826-4223

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OFFICE and Retail Spaces Available 2000-2500 sq. ft. spaces available in attractive professional center. Near BART, 1-80, 20 minutes to downtown SF and Oakland. Ample on-site parking. Agent 644-1288

DOWNTOWN Shattuck/ Dwight deluxe office space with parking and fern garden lobby. From \$200 644-3366

OFFICES close to downtown and campus, from 300 to 2000 square feet. BART, Carports

SKYLIGHT, Loft, BART, Carports, Open, Parking 850 sq. ft. 527-8988

SOLANO AVE. OFFICE/STORE. Modern excellent space, kitchen, 775 sq. ft. with loft. 5775 526-9754

PSYCHOTHERAPY Offices available in popular Newbury Station. Well designed courtyard building with teaching, group therapy and play therapy facilities. Observation mirrors, soundproof, air conditioning, signal lights, secure parking and Fax. Near Alta Bates and public transportation. Wheelchair access available. 510-845-7433

EL CERRITO professional office, 1200 sq. ft., air conditioned, remodel to suit. \$1000. Owner (510)528-4253

CLAREMONT AVE. near Prince St. Approximately 2500 sq. ft. Great store front, retail space. Michelle or Barry 531-7000

SHARE tax and bookkeeping office. 4th and Gilman. Berkeley. \$500/month includes utilities, parking. 525-2526

BERKELEY Offices 3 locations with spaces from 650 to 1650 sq. ft. with exceptional amenities. \$850 - \$2000/month. Patrick Leard RED OAK REALTY, 527-3387 X-110.

784 Oakland

Piedmont & South

RETAIL office. 3801 Broadway approximately 1600 sq. ft. ground floor service use possible, near Kaiser Hospital, BART \$1 per sq. ft. G Bloom 654-4655

OFF Broadway, near Piedmont, high quality, modern commercial building ideal for contractors, wholesale distributors. High image front office with adjacent warehouse/roll-up door. Up to 900 sq. ft. available. 75¢- \$1 per sq. ft. 340 sq. ft. Front office: 560 sq. ft. Warehouse 510-526-6896

1200 SQUARE feet near Piedmont Ave. with 3 separate offices. Nice office building, \$1600 per month. Michelle or Barry 531-7000

PSYCHOTHERAPY office, off Piedmont Avenue, in pleasant 6 office suite, parking, sublet available also, 655-8873

\$595 2 1/2 ROOMS, private bath, new carpet, Well kept building. Includes heat, hot water, garage. 465-1557

\$1000 ABOVE Blockbuster Video 3298 Lakeshore Ave., second story, 1500 sq. ft., 2 large spaces, rest room with shower, redecorated. Great for office, dance studio, large meetings. Call: 465-7500

QUANT Hill hill building. 4 suites 900-1000 square feet. Secure, parking. \$ 800- \$1.25. Ready to move in. 444-1235

READY for your business! Ground floor, Montclair, 768 sq. ft., \$775/ month. Agent, Carol 531-7000

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SHARE beautiful office with architect on Lakeshore above shops. Approximately 150 sq. ft. Copier and fax. \$175 per month. 510-832-8970.

COLLEGE Avenue office space. 210 square feet plus common area. Air conditioned 547-8226

OFFICE space for lease. 175, 250, 250 sq. ft. or a total of 675 sq. ft. Small charming building, very clean, newly renovated, security building 3405 Grand Ave. 652-3759

GRAND AVE. office spaces- 170 sq. ft. and 535 sq. ft. Fully serviced, clean. Call Dave or Marcia 339-3066, weekdays

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Goings on About Town

Performances

Albany Children's Center ben-
ch Nov. 6, 11 a.m.: Keith Terry and
ensemble perform at the Julia Mor-
rison Theater, 2640 College Ave.,
Berkeley.

Maybeck: Nov. 6, 4 p.m.: Kazuko
Maybeck, piano, 1537 Euclid Ave., Ber-
keley.

Tibetan Culture House: Nov. 6,
8 p.m.: Monks will perform at the
Tibetan Buddhist Church in Kensington.

Trinity Chamber Concerts: Nov.
6, 8 p.m.: Sharon Wayne, guitar, and
Lamaya Li, mezzo-soprano, 2362
Carmichael Way, Berkeley. \$5-\$8. Call
849-3964.

Actor's Ensemble of Berkeley:
Through Nov. 19: "Lips Together,
Mouth Apart." 1301 Shattuck. Call 528-
2220.

Café Mediterraneo: Nov. 8, 7-
10 p.m.: Poetry readings feature Starr
Morrow and Kay Sundstrom. Open
audience begins at 8 p.m. 2475 Tele-
graph Ave., Berkeley. Call 549-1128.

La Val's Subterranean: Nov. 6, 8
p.m.: "Surviving College" by Kathryn
Carter and Teresa Marinacci. 2326
College Ave. in Berkeley. Call 276-
2222.

The Masquers: "Me and My Girl"
runs through Dec. 17. Call 888-9688.
Middle East Cinematheque: Nov.
7, 3:30 p.m.: "Sallah." 145 Dwinelle
Ave., UC-Berkeley. Call 642-8208.

Northside Theater: Now show-
ing "Sex, Drugs, and Democracy," a
documentary by Jonathan Blank
about Amsterdam, Holland. 1828
College Ave., Berkeley. Call 841-2679.

Poetry at Cody's: Nov. 6, 7:30
p.m.: Martha King and Basil King.
54 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Up-
stairs. \$2. Call 845-7852.

Shotgun Players: Through Nov.
13: "The Merchant of Venice." 1834
College Ave., Berkeley. Call 540-7743.

Tococall: Through Dec. 10: The
Wood Road Singers and Dancers In-
ternational Touring Company. 724-
2022 for reservations.

Ashkenaz: Nov. 3: Super Sauce;
Nov. 4: Balafon Marimba Ensemble;
Nov. 5: African Rhythm Messengers;
Nov. 6: Andrew Carrier; Nov. 9: Mark
Krummel; Nov. 10: Gumbo Band. 1317
San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Freight & Salvage: Nov. 4: Side-
saddle Co.; Nov. 5: Cats & Jam-
mers; Nov. 6: Linda Waterfall; Nov. 9:
Writers; Nov. 10: Pat Kilbride.
11 Addison St., Berkeley. Call
846-1761.

Kimball's East: Through Nov. 6:
Jazzmatazz; Nov. 9-13: Eddie
Mercuri Octet; Nov. 16-20: Brecker
Quartet; Nov. 23-27: Earl Klugh. All
shows 8 and 10 p.m. unless other-
wise noted. \$18-\$24. 5800
Albion St., Emeryville. Call 658-
1111.

2555.

La Peña Cultural Center: Nov. 4,
8 p.m.: Tallman A Cappella; Nov. 5,
8 p.m.: Utah Phillips. 3105 Shattuck
Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Starry Plough: Nov. 3:
Supergrover, King Friday; Nov. 4:
Tempest, El Sob; Nov. 5: Granfaloon
Bus 11 To Go, Spikedrivers; Nov. 6:
The Black Watch; Nov. 10: Cherry
Poppin' Daddies. Music starts Thurs-
day through Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; Sun-
day, 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-
2082.

**Meetings, Classes, Lectures and
other events**

Berkeley Women's Law Journal:
Nov. 5 and 6: 10th anniversary
symposium "Looking to the 21st Cen-
tury: Under-represented Women and
the Law." Call 642-6263.

Free Flu Shots: Nov. 8, 1-4 p.m.:
Courtesy of Kaiser Permanente Oak-
land/Richmond and the Kaiser
Permanente Senior Advantage Pro-
gram. El Cerrito Royale, 6510 Gladys
Ave., El Cerrito.

Kilish show and sale: Nov. 5 and
6: Turkish flat woven rugs, 11 a.m.-6
p.m., 1635 Dwight Way (between
McGee and Jefferson.) Berkeley.

Narika: Nov. 6, 3 p.m.: Second
annual fund-raiser "An Afternoon of
Indian Cinema," features "Eyes of
Stone" and "I Live in Behram Pada." Call
800-215-7308.

The Nature Company: Nov. 9, 5
p.m.: Meet the photographer of "Mi-
grations: Wildlife in Motion," Art Wolfe.

Barnes & Noble: Nov. 3: Ronald
Ruiz, *Happy Birthday Jesus*; Nov. 9:
Floyd Salas, *What Now My Love*; Nov.
10: Richard Lupoff; *The Sepia*
Siren Killer. Barnes & Noble Book-
store, 2352 Shattuck, Berkeley. 644-
0861.

Black Oak Books: Readings, Nov.
3: Jerry Roberts, *Dianne Feinstein*;
Never Let Them See You Cry; Nov. 6,
6 and 8 p.m.: Wakako Yamauchi,
Songs My Mother Taught Me and
Peter Canby, *The Heart of the Sky*; Nov.
7: Sallie Tisdale, *Talk Dirty To*
Me; Nov. 8: Herbert Aptheker, *A Docu-*
mentary History of Negro People in
the United States: Volume 7; Nov. 10:
Svetlana Alpers, *Tiepolo and the Pic-
torial Intelligence*. All events 7:30 p.m.
unless noted. Free. 1491 Shattuck
Ave., Berkeley. 486-0698.

**Easy Going Travel Shop and
Bookstore**: Nov. 9: "Wonders and
Mysteries of Guatemala and Belize"
with Jacki Tipton; Nov. 10: "The Ma-
terial World" with Peter Menzel. 1385
Shattuck Ave. at Rose, Berkeley. 843-
3533.

**GAIA Bookstore & Community
Center**: Nov. 3: Chellis Glendinning,
My Name is Chellis, and I'm Recovering
from Western Civilization; Nov. 4:
Swain Wolfe, *The Woman Who Lived*

in the Earth; Nov. 7: Heyoka Merrifield,
Sacred Art Sacred Earth; Nov. 9: Mas-
ter Lin Yun, *Living Color: Master Lin*
Yun's Guide to Feng Shui and the Art
of Color; Nov. 10: Thomas Moore,
Soul Mates. All events 7:30 p.m.
unless noted. 1400 Shattuck Ave.
548-4172.

Berkeley Hiking Club: Nov. 6:
8:30 a.m.: Muir Woods, call 601-0296;
9:30 a.m.: Tilden Regional Park, mini
hike, call 526-1667.

Berkeley Rec Dept.: Women
drop-in basketball; Men's basketball;
Co-recreational volleyball. Call 644-
6530.

Berkeley Ski Club: Club meets
twice monthly for parties in the East
Bay. Daily drop-in Sunday through
Wednesday at ski lodge near Alpine
Meadows and Squaw Valley. The
only adult singles and couples ski
club in the East Bay. For member-
ship information call Allen Carrico at
451-1044.

Contra Costa Hills Club: Nov. 6:
Mission Peak. Call 782-0786 or 758-
5293; Nov. 10: Charter bus trip to
Fremont and San Jose. Call 522-
7809.

Marmot Mountain Works: Nov.
3, 7:30 p.m.: Chris Bonington, moun-
taineer. Wheeler Auditorium, UC-
Berkeley campus; Nov. 6, 7 p.m.:
Reinhold Messner, "To the top of the
World." Zellerbach Auditorium, UC-
Berkeley campus. Call 849-0735.

REI: Nov. 5, 10 a.m.: Volunteers
needed to restore valley oaks, Call
Polly Bolling at 527-4140. Nov. 10:
Ireland on Foot. 1338 San Pablo
Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

Berkeley Richmond JCC: Nov.
5, 7:30 p.m.: Comedian Josh Kornbluth,
1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Call 848-
0237.

**Swam Choden Tibetan Buddhist
Center**: Offers Compassion Medita-
tion Sundays at 7 p.m. Guests are
welcome. 254 Cambridge,
Kensington. Call 527-7363.

**First Church of Christ, Scien-
tist**: Nov. 6, 3 p.m.: Science and
Health and Your Future. 2619 Dwight
Way at Bowditch.

St. John's Presbyterian Women:
Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.: Meeting fea-
tures book review by Pembroke
Gochner. 2727 College Ave., Ber-
keley. Call 527-3052 or 848-1350.

Avatar Toastmasters: Sundays
at 6 p.m.: Learn public speaking skills
in a friendly supportive, New Age
environment. Call 835-3122 or 843-
6514.

Berkeley Folk Dancers: Interna-
tional folk dance lessons. Beginners
class: Tuesdays, 7:45-9:45 p.m.
Classes for other levels available.
1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berke-
ley. Call 527-2491.

Buddy Club: Nov. 6: Ventriloquist
Steve Chaney and singer Adam

Gottstein. El Cerrito Community Cen-
ter, 7007 Mooser Lane. Call 215-
4377.

Building Education Center: Nov.
5: "Save Your Home: Earthquake Ret-
rofitting," and "Hands-on Interior Plas-
tering." Nov. 6: "Carpentry Basics for
Women." Nov. 10: "Plan Reading for
Beginners." 812 Page St., Berkeley.
Call 525-7610.

California Retired Teachers:
Nov. 8, noon: West Contra Costa
Division 58 will meet at St. Luke's
Methodist Church, 32nd and Barrett
Avenue, Richmond for luncheon and
guest speaker Helmut Schmitz, "I
believe in America." Call 232-3656,
234-9021, 223-7042 or 235-3988 no
later than Nov. 4 for reservation.

Center for Holistic Healing: Nov.
9, 7:30 p.m.: Larry Gertler, "Surviving
Stress and Beyond." 5273 College
Ave., Oakland. Call 652-2302.

City Commons Club: Nov. 4,
noon: "Understanding the November
8 Ballot: State and City Propositions"
by Pat Wadleigh. 2315 Durant Ave.,
Berkeley. Call 848-3533.

East Bay Heritage Quilters: Nov.
5: Holiday Boutique. One Lawson
Road, Kensington. Call 527-7732.

East Bay Skeptics: Oct. 21, 8
p.m.: "Electric Anxiety" with Geraldine
Lee, Ph.D., Mulford Hall, UC-Berke-
ley. Call 420-0702.

ECHO/Project Share: Nov. 9, 2:30
p.m.: Monthly meeting. 3102 Tele-
graph Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-9030.

Graduate Council Lectures: Nov.
8, 4 p.m.: "Beyond the Standard
Model," by Carlo Rubbia, senior physi-
cist at CERN (European Organiza-
tion for Nuclear Research), Interna-
tional House Auditorium, UC-Berke-
ley campus. Call 642-5472.

Haiti Lecture: Nov. 10, 7 p.m.:
Paul Farmer, author of *The Uses of*
Haiti, will discuss U.S. policy in Haiti
and Aristide's return. 1640 Addison
St., Berkeley. Call (415) 227-0388.

Hearst Museum: Nov. 6, 2 p.m.:
Dr. Brian Moeran, "The Urban Eye:
Yanagi Soetsu and His Folk Craft
Ideal"; Nov. 10: Moeran, "Reworking
Craft Traditions: 30 Years in a Japa-
nese Pottery Community." Kroeber
Hall, College Ave. at Bancroft Way.
Call 643-7648.

H.O.P.E.: Helping Out Pets Ev-
erywhere holds pet adoptions at the
El Cerrito Pet Food Express, 11501
San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, on the first
and third Saturday of each month
from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 236-9572.

**Kensington Senior Activity Cen-
ter**: Nov. 10, 11 a.m. - noon: Slide
show on Mexico. 52 Arlington Ave.,
Kensington. Call 526-9146.

Safety Works: Mondays, 7 p.m.:
Free lecture demonstrations on op-
tions for personal safety. Reservations
requested. 1589 Solano Ave.,
Berkeley. 526-5333.

Teletasters, television produc-
tion club, meets the last two Wednes-
days of the month. Bay Vision East
Studio, 10042 San Pablo Ave., El
Cerrito. Public invited.

Berkeley Art Center: "Just
Friends," an exhibition of 10 artists
presenting their work in four media
[painting, poetry, music and video
opens Nov. 6 and runs through Dec.
11. 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Call
644-6893.

Berkeley Child Art Institute: "The
Littlest Expressionists," an exhibit cel-
ebrating the 25th anniversary of the
institute features works from as back
as 1971 done by children ages 3-12.

Runs through Nov. 27. Oakland Mu-
seum Cafe, 1000 Oak St., Oakland.
Call 849-3385.

East Bay Women Artists: "Light
and Shadow," an exhibit of paintings,
prints and photographs runs through
Nov. 20. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oak-
land. A reception will be held Oct. 12
from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Gallery, Center for Psychologi-
cal Studies**: "Worlds Apart," an ex-
hibit of mixed media by Robert Reger
opens Nov. 4 with a reception from
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at 1398 Solano Ave.,
Albany. Call 524-0291.

Graduate Theological Union:
"The Architecture of Light: Sacred
Architecture in Istanbul, Cappadocia
and the Mediterranean Coast," an
exhibit featuring black and white pho-
tographs by Blaine Ellis runs through
Dec. 22. 2400 Ridge Rd., Berkeley.
Call 649-2500.

Phoebe Hearst Museum:
"Iranians in Los Angeles," a photo-
graphy exhibit, will be on view
through Jan. 22. 2911 Russell St.,
Berkeley. 549-6950.

Lawrence Hall of Science:
"Within the Human Brain," "Laser:
The Light Fantastic," "Math Rules,"
and "1492: Two Worlds of Science"
are all ongoing exhibits. UC-Berke-
ley campus. Call 642-5132.

Nature Company: "Minerals of the
World," a special exhibit and sale
runs through Jan. 2. 740 Hearst Ave.,
Berkeley. Call 649-5488.

New Pieces: "Antique Quilts,"
opens Nov. 8 and continues through
Nov. 30. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley.
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday
and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 527-
6779.

Photolab: "Luminous Appari-
tions," an exhibit of black and white
photographs at 2235 Fifth St., Berke-
ley, runs through Nov. 30. Call 644-
1400.

Richmond Art Center: "Measur-
ing Up" runs through Nov. 13. Civic
Center Plaza, 25th and Barrett, Rich-
mond. Call 620-6772.

Suzuki Studio: Lewis Suzuki an-
nounces his one-man water color
show at Sumitomo Bank in Albany.
Runs through Nov. 18 at 1451 Solano
Ave., Albany.

Tattoo Archive: Through Jan.
1995: "Sailor Tattooing," an exhibit
that celebrates one of the greatest
traditions in the art of tattooing, mil-
itary designs, especially navy, will be
on view through Jan. 1995. The exhibi-
tion will show sailor tattooing from
around the world. 2804 San Pablo
Ave., Berkeley. 548-5895.

Uncommon Grounds: "The God-
dess Found: The Enlightenment of a
Plastic Doll," a group of assemblages
and shrines made of found and re-
cycled toys. Exhibit runs through
Oct. 29, 2813-7th St., Berkeley. Call
644-0355.

University Lutheran Chapel: "Ad
Gloriam Dei" will be on through Jan.
22. 2425 College Ave., Berkeley.
Call 843-6230.

Weir Gallery: "Ars Longa Vita
Brevis IV: Time, Mortality, Melan-
choly," an exhibit on themes Autum-
nal, runs through Nov. 18 at 1605
Solano Ave., Berkeley. Call 524-8821.

Support Groups and Self-Help
Albany Home Schooling Sup-

port Group is forming. Call Dick and
Pattee Otterstad at 524-4063.

Albany Special Education Par-
ent Support Group monthly meet-
ings. 524-9753 or 525-8135 for infor-
mation.

Alzheimer's Association offers
support groups throughout the Bay
Area. For information, call 800-942-
1333.

Alzheimer's Support Group
meets at Doctor's Hospital the sec-
ond Wednesday of every month at 1
p.m. 2151 Appian Way, Pinole. 724-
5040. Asthma Support Group meets
the third Monday of every month at 7
p.m. 741-2442.

ASA-AMI the American Schizo-
phrenia Association-Alliance for the
Mentally Ill will hold a family support
meeting Nov. 9, 7 - 8:45 p.m. in the
Meeting Room at the Claremont
Branch Berkeley Library, at the cor-
ner of Ashby and Bevenue. Call 841-
8361.

Anxiety and Phobic support
group: meets every Saturday at 10
a.m.: St. James Lutheran Church,
1963 Carlos Blvd., Richmond. Call
233-5543.

Autism Society of America,
North Alameda County Chapter meets
on the first and third Saturdays of
every month, 3-5 p.m. Call 658-1249
or 521-3973 for location.

Bereavement Support Group,
sponsored by the Grief Counseling
Project, a program of the Suicide Pre-
vention & Crisis Intervention of
Alameda County, meets in Berkeley.
Bereavement Support Groups are a
safe, confidential place for people to
receive support around loss. Under-
standing emotions, as well as learn-
ing about loss may also aid in the
healing process. The group will be
held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and will
meet for 10 weeks starting in Aug.
Call 889-1104.

Berkeley Arthritis Club meets
second Tuesday of every month, 1
p.m. Alta Bates Medical Center
Herrick campus.

Breast Cancer Support Groups
are offered by the Alta Bates Com-
prehensive Breast Center. Women
under 40 that have been newly diag-
nosed or are under treatment meet
the first and third Thursday of every
month from 5-7 p.m.; An informal
education forum for spouses and part-
ners of women with breast cancer
meets the third Thursday of every
month from 6-8 p.m.; A group for
women who are candidates for au-
tologous bone marrow transplants as
a treatment meets the second Tues-
day of every month from 10 a.m.-
noon. All groups meet at Alta Bates
Medical Center, 2450 Ashby Ave., in
Berkeley. There is no charge and
pre-registration is required. Call 204-
1811.

Cancer Support Group for pa-
tients, caretakers, long-term survi-
vors and friends; every other Friday,
9:30-11 a.m. All Souls Episcopal
Church, Spruce and Cedar, Berke-
ley. 845-9055.

Debtors Anonymous (East Bay)
meets Thursdays, 8-9:30 p.m. for free/
donation ongoing support, discus-
sions and practical tips at Berkeley-
Albany Recovery Center, 806
Bancroft Way. 548-2483.

Forty Plus, managers and pro-
fessionals over 40 seeking employ-
ment, orientation meetings each Mon-
day at 8 a.m., 7440 Lockhead St.
near Oakland airport. No charge. 430-
2400.



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